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French suggest economic summit talks in Britain

President Giscard d'Estaing suggested yesterday that the next economic summit meeting of the industrialized Western nations should be held in Britain. According to an unconfirmed report, Mr Callaghan will visit Washington next month.

Giscard surprise on April venue

From Paul Martin

Paris, Jan 4 President Giscard d'Estaing
suggested today that the next
economic summit meeting of
the seven main industrialized

M Giscard d'Estaing's suggestion that Britain should be the
venue is in keeping with his
thinking. He has followed with states could be held in Britain. The suggestion, which appears to have taken everyone including the British by surprise, was made when the French President met the press at the Elysée Palace.

Previous economic summits have taken place in Rambouillet have taken place in Rambouller and Puerto Rico, and it had been felt that this year's gathering might be held in Tokyo. The Japanese had made known their desire to be hosts for the meeting. However, M. Giscard d'Estaing made it clear that he thought the summit should take place in Europe. place in Europe. :.

This would ensure an early visit to Europe by Mr Jimmy Carter, a factor that mest loom large in the French President's thinking. M Giscard d'Estaing would like to see the new American President helping the West European nations to come to grips with the economic reali-ties that face them.

Giscard Estaing gave the impression that the question remained open, his suggestion that Britain should be the venue for the insetting appeared deli-berate. He obviously feels that the problems facing Britain at the moment are a suitable reminder for other western countries—not least of them France—of how difficult is the ecosomic path ahead.

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Lies Eritain and France, the Prespects for the world celler countries taking part in economy in general and for an the summit will be West Germany, Italy, Japan and Canada.

Peace group settle into the presidential

a more than neighbourly in-terest the British Government's battle to overcome its economic problems. His sentiments were clearly expressed at the November meeting in Rambouillet with Mr Callaghan when full French support was given for Britain's application for a loan from the International Mone-

France is itself preoccupied with economic problems. M Giscard d'Estaing made it clear in his new year message that these were his Government's

At the end of his talks with Callaghan two months ago, French President declared that Britain's attempts to solve the problems of its sterling balances had the full support of

man's summit at the time, there is no doubt that the November meeting laid the foundations for an important new relationship. President Giscard de Linked wood at the poor at the conditions of gestion is looked upon as reflecting that relationship. David Blake writes: The first six months of 1977 will see an intensive round of international meetings in Britain, some of which will result from Britain's chairmanship of the European Community and others from the

No date for the next summit ing the visit to London next meeting has yet been fixed, but Tuesday of M Barre, the French M Giscard d'Estaing said today perime Minister. He is expected to meet Mr Callaghan with the containing period to meet Mr Callaghan Mr Healey. Chancelior of particular may be raised dur-ing the visit to London next

Mr Callaghan 'first on Carter guest list'

By David Spanier Diciomatic Correspondent

The Prime Minister will pay an official visit to Washington in the first half of next month to meet Mr Jimmy Carter within weeks of his inauguration as
President on January 20,
according to a report from
Agence France-Presse yester-

There was no confirmation from Downing Street, but a spokesman pointed out that Mr Callaghan had already said, in his telegram of congratulations to Mr. Carter on winning the election last November 3, that he looked forward to an oppor-tunity of meeting him soon after he assumed office.

The agency report added that Mr Callaghan would probably be the first head of government to meet the new President, by virtue of Britain being chairman of the EEC Council of Ministers.

He would be speaking both

as British Prime Minister and representative of the Nine.

Mr Callaghan is expected to be accompanied by Mr Crosiand, the Foreign Secretary, and advisors on European. economic monetary questions, the report

One of the topics to be discussed will be the proposed economic summit, strongly favoured by Mr Calleghan.

leading members of the Euro-pean Community, Canada and Japan. President Giscard d'Estaing of France suggested yesterday that the summit should be held in Britzin next

Mr Carter, however, is said by his aides to want the economic summit to be held as close as possible to the United States, perhaps in Bermuda, as he intends during his first year in office to concentrate on domestic matters and limit his foreign travel.

The most urgent issue Mr Callaghan is likely to bring up at a meeting with Mr Carrer concerns the efforts to nego-tiate a sertlement on Rhodesia's

Our Washington Correspondent writes: Although Mr Callaghan has informed Mr Carter's transition staff that he would like to meet the new President as soon as is convenient after the inauguration, no date has yet been set, authoritative sources in Washington said.

It is possible the office of as a whole had dropped to Mr. Cyrus Vance, the incoming
Secretary of State, will work
out schedules in the next fortduring 1976 night, but there are many applications from heads of foreign governments for meetings with Mr Carter.

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tion near by.

drive

in Ulster

From Christopher Walker

The Northern Ireland peace

movement is to start a campaign against the system of strictly

segregated education, which its leaders believe is one of the main causes of the continuing

sectarian violence in Ulster. All Roman Catholic and Proestant schools in Belfast have

been asked to send three repreentatives each to a conference

to be held at Methodist College,

in the city, at the end of the

stablishment of peace groups n eight schools of both eligions that have been visited

schools

The blast carried across the

It shattered 30

Clyde and broke windows in

plate-glass windows at Renfrew

damaged Braehead power sta-

Strathclyde Fire Brigade said

last night that three people with shock and cuts caused by flying glass had been detained in hospital. Eighty firemen fought a fierce fire at the site of the

explosions.
Mr Thomas Middleton, aged
46, of Glasgow, a security officer, was alone on duty at the
depot when the explosions

depot when the explosions ripped apart two of the build-

Although dubbed the "poor by Miss Mairead Corrigan, a co-founder of the movement. An offer by the movement to buy minibuses to enable school-children of different denominations to travel across Belfast to activities, including sports, with children of the opposite religion, will be put to the meeting.
Miss Corrigon, a Roman
Catholic, intends to devote
much of her time to attending
meetings at local schools. Those

the whole school and a peace. group was started. A youth wing of the peace movement has also been formed to concentrate activities among time for Mr Carter to the Exchequer. schoolchildren and teenagers. The Provisional IRA continued its bombing campaign yesterday. A supermarket and a garage in Belfast were badly damaged. Three other devices.

all at business premises, were defused by the Army.

The renewed violence that has so far marked the new year m Northern Ireland was dis-cussed by Mr Mason, the Secretury of State, at his weekly security review. The Army and police chiefs reviewed statistics

of violence for last year. Attempting to find some comfort from the figures, Mr Mason later compared them with those of 1974 and maintained that "in most fields" there had been a continuation of the downward trend that had been apparent since the troubled days of 1972. As reported in The Times list month, official army figures show an increase in all rise main forms of terrorist vicience in 1976 compared with the pre-

vious year. But Mr Mason ex-plained that he preferred to make his comparisons with 1974, because then, as in 1976, there was "no protracted, so-called ceasefire in operation". His statement said singulars were down by nearly haif and disturbances had declined by a quarter, compared with 1974. and although two more menbers of the security forces were killed, security force casualties

He conceded, however, the during 1976 the number .

Widespread damage as explosions wreck whisky bond ings. The rest of the staff, about a hundred people, were away on new year holiday.

Three violent explosions For several hours after the which shook the centre of Glasexplosions police officers toured gow and were heard 20 miles the Renfrew area asking parents to check that their children and from the city, wrecked a whisky bond and container store area neighbours were safe. at Renfrew yesterday. No one Last night forensic scientists

was badly hurt but damage to were seeking the cause of the explosions. Renfrew Freightliner depot and The two wrecked warehouses buildings within a mile of it

each 100ft long, contained bonded whisky, chemicals, and agricultural equipment. Two other buildings at the depot, owned by Clyde Port Authority, were damaged. Airport hotel a mile away and Blazing spirits: Mr Richard

Knowlton, Strathclyde's Regional Firemaster, said that at one stage his men had to fight a running fire in the explosion area, with blazing spirit leaking from damaged barrels (the Press Association century) (the Press Association reports).
Chief Supt Gordon Paterson said the main explosion was in a general cargo shed, which contained chemicals, tyres, combine harvesters, and other

explosions: Three gas

explosions yesterday, at Liver-pool, Huddersfield and Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, injured three people and brought the total of serious gas explosions to six in the past week (a Staff Reporter writes).

The three people were taken to hospital after an explosion had damaged a terrace house in Venmore Street, Liverpool. Mrs Isabella Duffy, aged 79, who lived in the house, and two neighbours left hospital after

eing treated for shock. The North West Gas Board said a three-inch main outside the house had fractured and the gas had seeped into the ceilar of the house, where it had been ignited, possibly when

Tyre marks suggested that he fracture had been caused by heavy traffic, probably lorries, driving over the pavement above the main. Paving stones there had been cracked. A fractured main was also responsible for the explosion in Sharp Lane, Huddersfield. The ents of the house, Mr and Mrs Charles Ellis and their two children, were asleep and

The North Eastern Gas Board

said an eight-inch main about a hundred yards from the house had been fractured, but it was not able to say why. It was thought that gas leaked into the house through a drain and ignited when an automatic boiler switched itself on.

At Sutton-in-Ashfield badly damaged by a gas explosion, which demolished a kitchen wall and blew a door through the front window. The house was unoccupied and no one was injured. Workmen from the East Midlands Gas Board were in the street at the time searching for a leak.

The board said the explosion was believed to have been caused by gas building up in a pipe. A section of piping had been sent to the Gas Research

Station for examination.

Publicity about the week's incidents and appeals from gas boards to report leaks have brought a big increase in the number of emergency calls. The South Eastern Gas Board said

about 50 per cent more calls about leaks than usual." Most were false alarms, but the board added: "We are happy that people are keeping so

Ozygen explosion: Workmen escaped injury and little damage was done when an explosion shook the British Kail engineer ing works at Crewe, Cheshire yesterday (our Crewe correspon-dent writes). It occurred in a pipe carrying oxygen through the fabrication shop.

Our Energy Correspondent writes: British Gas has set up a team of engineers in London to coordinate the results of investigations into the present spate of explosions.

The corporation says that the number of serious accidents has not varied greatly since 1968, although the number of people using gas during that time has increased fourfold. A serious accident is one that causes more than £100 worth of damage to property, serious injury, or

Photograph, page 2



Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the Soviet dissident freed in exchange for a Chilean Communist leader, with Mr David Markham, the actor (right) at Heathrow airport. Report, page 5.

Britain gets back to meetings at local schools. Those she has addressed so far included one hard-line Protestant boys' second to the movement to sell hard the main meetings at local schools. The head-believed would be opposed to the movement to sell hard the main meetings at local schools. Those she had believed would be opposed to the movement to sell hard the main meetings at local schools. Those she had believed would be opposed to the movement to sell had the main meetings at local schools. Those she has addressed so far included one hard-line Protestant boys second to the movement to sell had the main meetings at local schools. Those she has addressed so far included one hard-line Protestant boys second to the movement to sell had the main meetings at local schools. Those she has addressed so far included one hard-line Protestant boys second to the h

to the movement to as! her after the extended Christmas boliday. Many workers had questions. Later she spoke to been away for up to a fortnight and the prolonged break apparently persuaded them not to take the extra unofficial day off that has become almost maditional in some areas. Coal-

good working start to 1977. Leyland, however, began with a strike in the components depot at Horsepath, near Oxford, where 50 men stopped work over a claim for payment while they were off work be-cause of a strike which ended on Christmas Eve

Zionists accused

A Mauritanian in charge of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) office in Paris, who was shot dead outside a city

boolishop, was the victim of a Zionist plot, the PLO alleged vesterday. He was Mr Mahmoud

Mr Rubin, the Israeli Prime Minister, was charged yesterday by President Katzir with form-

ing a new government. Permis-

Car parts dispute: The three-

car parts factory at Darlaston, West Midlands, has ended 2

£25m. It will run to about

the nation, then and now.

twenty volumes

Mr Rabin tries

to end crisis

of PLO killing

Saleh, aged 38

Mr Richard still optimistic

Mr Ivor Richard, the Rhodesia conference chairman, has arrived in Botswana, the fourth country in his African shuttle. radiating optimism, he said that a peaceful agreement between the Rhodesian Government and the black nationalists can be achieved. A visit to Mozambique and Tanzania will complete the first stage of his diplomatic journey Page 6

Policy institute proposed

policy institute designed to bring together academics engaged in research and analysis with politicians and civil servants responsible for shaping public policy may be formed in London by the end of this year

Britain millions of pounds because of wrong decisions and accidents, according to the National Council on Alcoholism. it suggests a code of practice to help sufferers Page 2

about dress designers in Höllywood; Lynn Redgrave interviewed by Sheridan Morley; concert notices by William Mann and erkins by Brian Connell Mox Harrison Obituary, page 14 Mr E. O. Lane, Wing Commander James Lawson, Sir Edward Hanmer

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may jeopardize NPA three hours' overtime in still-Labour Staff tion to the day's pay for work measured 1,500 cycles a second lished on the mornings of instead of 2,000. He must have lished on the mornings of bour tope deaf because it is the December 28 and January 3.

Fleet Street troubles

Production of yesterday morn-

ing's 'ssue of the Financial Times, which had announced as

the end of December that it

would not publish on January 3,

was stopped by printing workers unofficial action.

The Daily Mirror, which is not an NPA member, lost its

London print on four successive

Managements are now awaiting the outcome of ballots among Fleet Street unions on

the document, Programme for

Action, produced by the national newspaper industry's joint standing committee. So far

the shop-floor response has been unfavourable.

of unofficial industrial disputes

million copies.

Losses in December because

Fleet Street exceeded 30

days over the holiday.

new year period, which for two days haited production of most newspapers, is leading to serious questions about the future of the Newspaper Publishers Association. Some members of the NPA

are saying privately that the organization may be in danger inless there is greater unity of action. There is concern that economic ressures are leading some new papers to take steps not in line with NPA strategy Twice over the Christmas and

new year period publication was halted in all newspapers in the NPA apart from the Daily Ex-press and The Guardian, because of disputes over Bank boliday payments. Most national newspapers, not includ-

ing The Times, offered the printing unions payment of

Former Prague minister on

spying charge sion to bury Mr Ofer, the Housing Minister, in a cemetery, in spite of his suicide, was given by the Prague, Jan 4.—Mr Josef Grohman, aged 56, a former deputy Culture Minister and Czechoslovak representative at Unesco, has been arrested on suspicion of spying for the

rabbinical authorities Page 6 week-old dispute involving electricians at the Rubery Owen The official Ceteka news agency said today he was arrested on October 21 after returning from Paris. An investigation had confirmed suspicions that he had been spying for Western intelligence

Farm prices: A senior govern-ment official called at the Oxford Farming Conference for the reduction of EEC farm agencies, the report added. The charge carries a sentence of up to 15 years' imprison-Chess: Bobby Fischer fails to

claim his place in the world championship qualifying tourna-Mr Grohman was deputy Culture Minister from 1966 to 1967. The next year he became ment and Foris Spassky will play instead 6 the Czechoslovak representative New "Grove's": The sixth at Unesco. edition of Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians is being He held the post of editor-in-

chief of the state technical literature publishing house from 1951 to 1968. An economics prepared at a cost of about graduate, he was the first chairman of the communist-orientated International Union Jubilce Britain: An eight-page Special Report on the state of of Students from 1947 to 1951.

Woman sought after baby is taken from pram By Clive Borrell

Several houses in south London were searched last night after a girl aged six months had been snatched from a pram while her mother was cashing a cheque at a Wimbledon bank.

The baby, Sarah Louise Maurice, vanished from outside Barclays Bank in Kingston Road. She has brown hair and blue eyes and was dressed in a pink baby suit, white leggings, a white nylon dress and a cream-coloured jumper.

The police want to interview a young weman or teenager wearing a grey coat and green "tea cosy" hat who was seen buying a ticket ar South Wimbledon station a few minutes after the baby had been missed.

Coventry air raid claim of 'jamming error'

By Robert Parker The German air raid on Coventry in 1940, which killed 554 people, injured 865 people, and flattened more than 50,000 buildings, might well have been deflected by the efforts of British intelligence but for an "elementary error" by an unknown and probably tone-deaf

technician.

That opinion will be expressed tonight in a film made by Yorkshire Television about Professor R. V. Jones, whom Winston Churchill pur in charge of the scientific intelligence unit of MI 6 while he was still in his twenties

It has been suggested that Churchill did not act on advance knowledge of the enemy plans because he did not want the Germans to know that their codes had been cracked by British intelligence.

by British intelligence.

But Professor Jones says that
the British knew on November
10, four days before the attack, 10, four days before the attack, that a heavy raid was planned somewhere in England. That was a result of Professor Jones's work in deciphering codes produced by an "Enigma" machine, which the Germans thought unbreakable. Professor Jones had also discovered that the Germans had been using radio beams to guide their bombers to targets with precision. He had developed a system for jamming the radio beams, at first employing hospital apparatus used on arthride patients, but later using more eleborate

ater using more elaborate

British intelligence picked up an enemy code order ou November 10 preparing the whole German bomber fleet for "Operation Moonlight Source". "Operation Moonlight Source".

"Since November 14/15 was the night of the full moon it looked as though this would be the night". Professor Jones says. At about 5.30 pm on November 14 he received a telephone call telling him the haams were "somewhere over beams were "somewhere over the Midlands".

He realized that the beam frequency figures were wrong.

"It was a nasty problem over
the telephone at 5.30 pm when
the raids perhaps were begin-

ning at 6 pm."

He had to gamble on what frequencies to jam. "It turned out that we did jam on the right frequencies, but we found some days later, when we cantured an aircraft, that someone had made a wrong measurement of the actual frequency, the note on which the beauty is some of

For same region le '... difference-between a C and a G such a simple measurement that no one thought of checking it.
"I do not know how that error occurred, but occur it did and the results were tragic.".
The raid devastated Coventry. destroying the cathedral and 12 aircraft factories. The Germans dropped 56 tons of iccendiary bombs, 394 tons of high explosive and 127 mines. Much of the material in the film, which is about Professor Jones's long record of success in countering the Germans, has been included only because of relaxation of the 30 years' secrecy rule imposed under the Official Secrets Act.

The film, The Secret War of Dr Jones, is being shown tonight on independent television at 14.30.

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President-elect to surrender his share of peanut-broking business while in office until a certain period has From Fred Emery

Washington, Jan 4 Mr Jimmy Carter announced today that he is giving up for the duration of his presidency Carter's first step towards his share in the highly successful family peanut-broking warehousing business in Plains, Georgia.

The annual furnover of the business is reputed to be about S10m (almost £6m). When Mr Carter inherited it from his father in 1953, it was in debt. The President-elect an-

nounced the decision as part of his determination to clear himself and all his nominees of con-flict of interest problems. His Cabinet members will, once he is inaugurated, be required to would enable make full financial disclosures, to be made. ad to pledge themselves to serve in Government for a full term, and not to return to what would happen to holdings by Mr Carter's parmers—his their Government functions

Mr Carter's press secretary, Mr Jody Powell, described today's announcements as Mr meeting his campaign pledge " to attempt to restore the confidence of the American people in their own Government ".

Government American . officers, from the President down, have in recent times put their private finances into socalled "blind trusts" and are supposed to be kept unaware of developments until they leave office.

Alshough Mr Certer's arrange-

ments are described as more stringent, details were not available at the time of writing that would enable full comparisons

ment, Mr Carter's financial interests—excepting his for 1coming emoluments as President -would be placed in the hands of a trustee. Cash income could be available to Mr Carte: He would sell his holdings of stocks and shares. His interest in the peant'

warehousing firm would be neld by the trustee, who could sell it, lease it without " discupting " the interests of the partners. However this same arrange-

ment would not apply to Carter Farms Inc. which comprises more than 2,000 acres of peanut land. The land could not be sold by the trustee, and could only be rented until Mr Carter returned to private life. In addition Mr Carter is to

give to charity all future royalties from a book of his campaign speeches as well as his autobiography Why Not The

Cost of drink in industry

Excessive drinking by at least to million people, is costing

Pit retirement

An improved offer on early retirement for mineworkers will be made by the National Coal Board today. Last month the miners voted in favour of industrial action, if necessary,

but there is scope for compro-Features, pages 8 and 12 Anniversaries in 1977; Bernard Levin on Airs Gandhi's strangle-hold on India; Profile of Mr Roy

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There may be at least two million people, from company directors and heads of small businesses to shopfloor workers, whose drinking is costing Britain millions of pounds because of wrong decisions and accidents, the National Council on Alcoholism said yesterday.

It accused Britain of lagging

It accused Britain of lagging behind the United States in recognizing and tackling the growing question of executives and workers whose lunchtime drinking particularly affects their work.

Presenting a report on alcohol and work, a member of the council's working party, Mr S. L. Barnes, of the National and Local Government Officers Association, said that covering up for colleagues was a big difficulty.

difficulty.

A man who had to put up a ladder on a building site might have a liquid lunch but no one questioned his ability on his return. "Matiness is the problem we have to get used to", he said. "This is the cover-up process. If the difficulty was achieved and could start dged we could start

The report says that even where there has been a glimmering of understanding of what is involved there has been a general reluctance to face the

The average loss because of sickness by all workers was 161 days a year but in the case of excessive drinkers it was five times more. The six million days lost through strikes in 1975 was probably small compared with the working days lost by exces-

After investigating material published in Britain and abroad, the working party concludes that the prevalence of "prob-lem" drinking is lower here than in North America and several continental countries. A study in its own informa-tion centres showed that 88 per cent of clients were periodically drinking before going to work; 62 per cent sometimes Street, London SWIP 3LT).

cent took a bottle every day; and 91 per cent sometimes drank throughout the day.

There was special need to appreciate the effect of alcohol

on young people, who were now drinking more. Even with moderate levels of alcohol in the blood, they often presented reactions similar to those of an adult with 200 millioneme ner

adult with 200 milligrams per 100 millifres, about 21 times the legal limit fordriving. Studies in France showing

that excessive drinking by workers caused more accidents in factories and that important

decisions in boardrooms and government offices could be affected by blood-alcohol levels over the legal limit are quoted

Safety Executive should attempt

to find out the cost of loss of

production and earnings due to accidents, sickness and sub-standard work caused by exces-

sive drinking. It further suggests that man

agement and employee repre-sentatives should formulate a

joint code of practice that would offer help to employees with drinking difficulties while

undertaking to safeguard their jobs. That approach has been

found to be cost-effective in American industry.

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in the reports.

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The electricians had voted by

Because the strike threatened thousands of jobs in Midlands mour plants Mr Thomas Break-

and not antagonism", he said.
"What is needed is a change

ployers' Association.

normal, and 21 pits in neigh- of the new year at bouring to Durham returned car plant in the O Most steelworks resumed depot at Horsepath (our Oxford work on Sunday and little Correspondent writes). Fifty strike in a holiday payment dis-pute that stopped production.

The British Steel Corpora-tion's Sheffield area reported a strike which ended on Christ-

ism. The issue that prompted their ludustry in the North-east first stoppage is to be discussed reported a good return to work. with national officers.

'Knife edge' as dispute at car parts plant ends By Clifford Webb Midlands Industrial

Correspondent
Mr John Owen, managing director of Rubery Owen, said last might that despite the ending of the three-week old electricians' dispute the future of the company's motor component plant at Darleston, West Midlands, was "still on the knife edge"

of disputes at the plant and be-cause one is settled it does not mean that it is all over", he

32 to 22 to accept a peace formula that involves the company in paying about £5,000 to a charity to be selected by the

all, president of the Electrical, Electronics, Teecommunications and Plumbing Union, went to the meeting yesterday morning

to urge acceptance.

Afterwards he said his members feared that anarchy would continue in the plant. They blamed management and rival unions. The management had failed to assert itself and had been pressed into making worns.

failed to assert itself and had been pressed into making wrong decisions.

"There is an urgent need for leaders of the unions involved to get to this plant as soon as possible to knock out a procedural agreement and to arrange for committees to cooperate in such a way that there is genuine cooperation and not antagonism", he said.

what is needed is a change in union representation inside the factory to eliminate a clash of personalities."

The second part of the peace formula, which was prepared by national leaders of the three unions.

unions, under pressure from government ministers, calls for an urgent meeting between the unions, management and the West Midlands Engineering Em-

There are six main areas for 1 The phasing in of early retirement. The miners want to go at 60 now; the board is expected to offer a scheme evolving towards that in annual stages, starting with retirement at 64 next summer.

in Renfrew yesterday.

The National Coal Board to-

day will improve its offer on early retirement for miners, in an entempt to reach a com-promise egreement with the National Union of Mineworkers.

Sir Derek Ezra, chairman of the board, will head its nego-

tiseing ream. In a secret pithead ballot last month miners voted overwhelmingly to give their leaders authority to organize industrial action if necessary.

There is much scope for compromise. In previous talks the board conceded the principle of early retirement, but put such stringens conditions on

eligibility that its offer was rejected out of hand. Since the

ballot the union has empha-sized its willingness to negotiate

and today's talks are seen as the first step towards a

Labour Editor

New retirement offer

for miners today

2 The qualifying period. Pre-viously the coal board insisted on 25 years' service under-ground; that is likely to be

Tories pledge fight on Welsh devolution

By David Leigh Political Staff

One of the warehouses wrecked by explosions and fire at a whisky bond and container store

miners have said they will exclude white-collar workers, and it is expected that they will also leave out fitters, work-shop staff and others whose working conditions are compar-able with those elsewhere. Political Staff
The Opposition will not be deterred by the Government's promise of referendums on devolution for Scotland and Wales from trying to remove Wales from the devolution Bill.
The Converging Welch Conservatives' Welsh

spokesman. Mr Nicholas Edwards, made that clear yesterday, although he implied that the attempt would probably fail narrowly.

"The result will be very close", he told a party meeting at Haverfordwest. "The Government will have nothing like the

ment will have nothing like the majority they achieved at second reading." The second reading went through on a majority of 45 because some Labour rebels were mollified by the referendum promise and some Conservatives refused to vote against the Bill.

Some people argued that be-cause referendums had been conceded the Bill had to be allowed to pass so that the people could have the final say, Mr Edwards said.

But that would mean Parlia-ment abdicating its responsibility, he continued. "Only Par-liament can decide whether a workmanlike arrangement can be devised that is in the interests of the nation. It would Z The qualitying period. Previously the coal board insisted on 25 years' service underground; that is likely to be lowered to 20 years.

3 The numbers involved. The 25 years' service underground.

tunity to show greater sense and reject them."
When the referendum came

about the voters would no doubt be told by devolution supporters that the Bill was the most relined and perfected that Parliament could produce. To meet that argument Conserva-tives would have to do more than make minor modifications.

"Believing as we do that the scheme proposed for Wales is fundamentally unsound, we have a duty to oppose it with all our energy."

The referendum should not

be seen as an excuse for reduc-ing the treight of the parlia-mentary hurdle that the Bill had to overcome. "We in the Conservative Party will seek to safeguard the people of Wales from this monstrous folly ", he said. "We will use every partiamentary weapon that is avail-able to us to do so."

Amendments have been tabled by the Shadow Cabinet to delete Wales from the Bill when the lengthy committee stage, taken by the whole House, begins after the Christmas recess next week.

Prince Consort ' denial A suggestion that the Queen is to confer the title of Prince Consort on the Duke of Edin-burgh in her silver jubilee year was denied yesterday. Bucking-ham Palace said: "There is no foundation for the report today's Daily Mail."

Interviewer 'took job for which he interviewed'

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor .

Resentment is being expressed by the Institution of Professional Civil Servants over the way in which a member of an appointments interview board has been appointed to a post for which he had considered applicants.

It is one of several grievances being voiced by the institution over the attitude of the Agricul-tural Research Council.

The civil servants' organization says that unless there is some response to its efforts to modernize industrial relations at the council and throughout its related research institutes and units it will adopt other recise. If pressent completes tactics. If necessary complaints are to be taken up with the

Mr Fred Mullin, assistant general secretary of the institu-tion, which has three thousand members working for the re-search council and its related organizations, maintains that efforts to persuade the central management to negotiate on many day-to-day issues, such as recruitment, promotions and redundancies, have been frus-trated. The staff side was never certain that agreements would be implemented.
It is alleged that the research

council does not fully observe Whirley Council procedures and allows its research directors to ignore central agreements if they wish.

An example quoted by Mr Mullin is that of a vacancy for a visits officer post, at higher scientific officer level. There were four applicants, two of whom were interviewed. One was told fairly quickly that he was not suitable and the other was not suitable and the other heard nothing for six weeks. Then, after the institution had brought pressure, he found that he was unsuccessful.

He was told that a senior professional scientific officer would revert to higher scientific officer grade and take the post when he reaches retirement age next March. The union has since learnt that the man appointed had been a member of the interview board that considered the two applicants. Protests have led to a dispute

on how representations should be made, the union holding that the central management should handle the complaint rather than the director directly res-ponsible for the appointment. Mr Mullin said : "The matter rests there for the time being, but the damage that has been done to staff morale in the institute concerned will take a long time to heal." What would happen if the senior officer did take the post

in March was not clear.

Britain gets down to work again

working day of the new year.
Factories, mines and steelworks reported a good working
stars to 1977, with absenteeism
no more than would be

expected on a normal Monday Many workers were returning after up to a fortnight's holiday, which some industrialists feared would termish Britain's com-mercial reputation. But the pro-longed "official" holiday

apparently persuaded many people not to take an extra "imofficial" day off, which in some areas had come to be regarded as almost traditional. In some cases workers who used their Bank holiday day off last week started work on

Most coalfields in the Midlands, where between 75 and 80 per cent of the workers rurned up on Monday, were back at work normally yester-

weekly figure.

Most of the 66,000 miners in the Yorkshire and Humberside region began work again on Monday, and the rest returned yesterday. Absenteeism was reported as average for a Monday morning.

day morning.

Ten pits in Northumberland reopeded on Monday, with attendance only slightly below yesterday.

absenteeism was reported. But at East Moors, Cardiff, 600 craftsmen were on a 24-hour strike in a holiday payment dis-pute that stopped production. full production and no absentee-

Swan Hunter had an "excellent turn-out" at their shipyards on Tyneside and Teesside. Absenteeism was about 9 per

cent at the three Hoover fac-tories at Merthyr Tydfil and Dowlais in mid-Glamorgan. A spokesman said: "We have had nine days off but this did not nine days off but this did not reduce or worsen absenteeism."

At the Vauxhall car plants in Luton and Dunstable it was stated: "Things have started off pretty well." At Chrysler's worgs at Linwood, Renfrewshire, the workers are taking this week rather than last week as a holiday.

Leyland strike: The first strike of the new year at a Leyland car plant in the Oxford area

car plant in the Oxford area began yesterday at the parts men who select parts from the vast warehouse serving Leyland's worldwide network of

Reluctance for Britain

Four fifths of the British people would not do extra work without extra pay to help to put the country back on its feet, according to a Gallup Poll commissioned for last night's Man Alive Report on BBC 2.

The poll, taken after Mr Healey had announced his latest measures and before Christmas, found that, while 77 per cent of those questioned thought they personally worked hard enough, 69 per cent thought other workers did not; 74 per cent had little or no confidence that politicians could put things right.

Asked about their willingness Asked about their willingness to help to put the country back on its feet, 91 per cent would not willingly pay more income tax and 65 per cent would not accept lower living standards. Only 45 per cent thought everyone should work barder. The poll found agreement

between management and workers about the crder of priorities to put matters right: between (1) more incentives for workers; (2) work harder, produce more; (3) reduce union
power; (4) cut the number of
civil servants; (5) reduce or
stop social security benefits.

Man dead in car

David Irish, aged 30, of Forde Avenue, Bromley, Greater Lon-don, employed by the Chase Manhartan Bank, London, was found dead in his car in woods

Student tried to blackmail his landlady, court told

A Persian student made love

4 The cost of financing the scheme. Both sides agree that

that cannot be met out of the

industry's current earnings and would need an injection of government capital, almost cer-

tainly running into tens of mil-

5 The effect on incomes policy. So far, the board has said that

ment to introduce early retire-

ment at a set date because of pay restraint. That decision is

pay resamin. Inside decision is likely to be waived as long as TUC leaders can be assured that it would not lead to similar demands in other

6 The difficulty of obtaining

and training new manpower. In

areas where there is a pre-ponderance of older men the

rapid departure of these men would create serious production

difficulties. The union's co-operation in mitigating comput

The miners' original claim

was for retirement on full pay at 60 from January 1 this year, falling to 55 by mid-1980. The board offered retirement at 64.

losses will be sought.

cannot enter into a commit-

lions of pounds.

Farzad Emani, aged 23, told Mrs Denise Sharp, aged 25, that unless she handed over £50 he would show the pictures to her that he demanded with menaces busband, Mr Neil Butterfield, £50 from his landlady, and for the prosecution, said at another that he demanded a Exeter Crown Court. The similar sum from her husband.

money was not paid.

Six days later Mr Emami he demanded with menaces tried to blackmail Mrs Sharp's 5200, £47 and £20 from the husband, it was alleged. Persian girl.

The court was also told that The alleged offences were while on bail Mr Emami, who said to have been committed was overdrawn at the bank, between September 14 and three times blackmailed Miss October 16 last year.

Alvina Piramoun, aged 23, a The trial was adjourned until fellow Persian studying English (today.

to his landlady after taking man and a karate expert, he mildly pornographic photographs of her, then tried to blackmail her, a court was told yesterday.

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field said. Mr Emami pleaded not guilty to five charges. One alleged that he demanded with menaces

wife was not working From Our Correspondent

Jail for man who said

While living partly off his wife's earnings Dennis Reeves, Magistrates' court yesterday. He signed statements that she was not working when she was regularly earning between £11 and larly earning between £11 and larly earning between £12 and ordered to repay £41, Harry Ludlam stated for the

who are fiddling you", Mr Lud-

After Mr Reeves, who has three children, had admitted that he had not been actively aged 30, an unemployed man, looking for a job for several tricked social security officers weeks he was jailed for several weeks he was jailed for six months. He pleaded guilty to fits, it was stated at Halifax

£20 a week as a machinist, Mr costs and ordered to repay £41, part of the money her husband obtained illegally. The chairman, Mr Eric Jef-lery, told Mr Reeves: "You

are a lazy individual content to live on your wife's carnings and at the same time conspire with her in defrauding the taxpayer."

Teacher 'struck boy for not paying attention

A teacher made a sudden and By Tim Jones violent attack on a boy aged 12 Labour Staff because he was not paying atten-tion during an English lesson, it was stated at Leeds Crown Court yesterday.

Mr Malcolm Swift, for the prosecution, said the boy was

shaken violently and struck across the back and shoulders. Wallace Edwin Cooper, aged 42, of Silverdale Road, Guise ley, near Leeds, denied assaulting Gary Johnson. Mr Swift said Mr Cooper,

teacher at Ryecroft Middle School, Leeds, told a class to turn to a particular page of a book but the boy was not listen-Mr Cooper pulled him from

his seat and marched him to the front of the class, where he told him to read a passage aloud. He refused and Mr Cooper hit him.

The trial continues today.

Many joining job-release scheme are unemployed

force yesterday, are unem-ployed. The iditial response, which Mr Booth, Secretary of State for Employment, hopes will eventually reduce the un-employment ligure by more than 60,000, may cause concern at the Department of Employ-

Under the scheme, which applies to assisted areas, people in their final year at work receive an allowance of £23 a week for giving up their jobs to make way for unemployed people. An employer has to agree to replace the person leaving with someone from the unemployment register.

employment register. Anyone receiving the allow-

Labour Staff

Almost three-quarters of the 3,758 people who have applied for the Government's jobrelease scheme, which came into force yesterday, are unemployed. The iditial response,

can be claimed The scheme is also open to anyone in an assisted area who is on the unemployment register. The early applications show that many such people have decided to retire from un-

employment early.

In most cases there is no monetary advantage in remaining officially unemployed, compared with the £23 allowance. The department said that although the figure of 3,758 included many unemployed, it included nearly a thousand people, 26 per cent, who would make way for someone seeking full-time employment.

Tony Miles beats Farago in

Most of the excitement in round six of the Ladbroke grandmaster tournament at Hastings yesterday centred on the efforts by Tony Miles, the British grandmaster, to

Playing the Hungarian grand-master, Farago, he tried a defen-sive system that is not very well known and caught his opponent in an unfavourable line, which soon gained him a pawn and later a second one. Farago resigned when forced into a hopeles, ending.

when forced into a hopeles, ending.

The other Brinsh players. Rumens and Webb, both played very steadily and the latter reached a drawn ending with the Yugoslav grandmaster. Damjanovia, after 40 moves. Rumens had the advantage over Kagan of two bishops against two knights at the adjournment, with distinct possibituies of winning on the resumption.

time against Vukeevs, who held on to a pawn scrifficed by Romanishin in the opening and might well have continued to seek winning chances in the ending instead of agreeing a draw.

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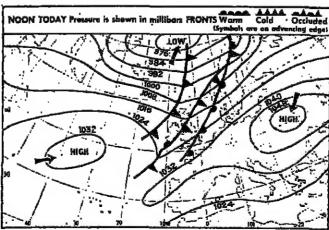
General hurt in helicopter crash

Major-General Anthony Ward-Booth, aged 49, Director of the Army Air Corps, was seriously injured yesterday when the Gazelle helicopter he was piloting crashed and caught fire at Barton Stacey, itampshire.

General Ward-Booth, who was alone in the aircraft, was taken to the military hospital at Tidworth with multiple injuries.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, directo; f, fair: r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow, and the show and the state of the state

Weather forecast and recordings



Today

Moon sets: Moon rises: 7.31 am 4.41 pm Fall 14000 : 12.10 pm.

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Lighting up: 4.37 pm to 7.35 am.

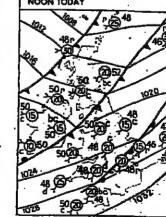
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am, 6.5m (22:2ft): 1.54 pm, 6.7m
(22:0ft). Avoumouth, 6.56 am,
12:4m (40:7ft): 7.22 pm, 12:5m
(41:0ft). Dover: 10:59 am, 6.5m
(20:5ft): 11:20 pm, 6.5m (21:2ft).

Hull, 6.3 am, 6.8m (22:2ft): 6.12
pm, 7.1m (23:2ft). Liverpool.

11.9 am, 8.9m (29:2ft): 11:27 pm.

8.5m (28:8ft). Forecasts for 6 am to midnight:

London, SE, central S, E, NW, central N, NE England, East Anglia, Midlands, Lake District:



Isle of Man, Borders, Edin-burgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW. NW. NE Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland, N Ireland: Rather cloudy, bright inter-vals, showers or rain, heavy at times; wind SW, fresh; max

temp 10°C (50°F). Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Rain in parts of England and Wales will clear, then mainly dry with sunny intervals: Scot-land and N Ireland will have sunoy intervals and will have sunoy intervals and wintry sliowers, but rain in NW Scotland later; overnight frost and fog patches.

Sea passages: S North Sea, Straits of Dover. English Chan-nel (E): Wind Stv. moderate, be-coming fresh: sea moderate, be-coming rough. St George's Channel: Wind S. veering W. strong to gale: sea

Irish Sea: Wind S, veering W, strong to locally severe gale; sea very rough.

Yesterday

very rough.

London: Temp: max. 6 am to 6 pm. 6°C (43°F); min. 6 pm to 6 am, 0°C (32°F). Humidity, 6 pm. \$1 per cent, Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun. 24 hr to 6 pm. 2.3 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm. 1,036.7 millibars, steady. 1.000 millibars = 29.55in.

in higher education link By Tim Devlin

Education Correspondent The danger that universities might be merged with other institutes of higher education and brought more directly and brought more control was emphasized by Professor W. A. Campbell Stewart. Vice-Chan-cellor of Keele University, at the North of England Education Conference, which opened at Madeley, Staffordshire, last

He said an expanded grants committee representing all in-stitutes of higher education would be damaging and destroy the close relationship between the University Grants Com-mittee and Britain's universi-

ues. Universities had been pressed to agree to a grants committee representing non-university institutions as well. Professor Stewart said that the committee, composed mainly of academics with expert knowledge of university matters and close relationships with universities, was the envy of the world.

powers had been limited during the economic crisis. It would be disastrous if the committee was reduced to being an instrument of management by central government. He hoped its full

Professor Stewart observed that the new universities, which include his own, had contributed to the dilemma the universities face over manpower planning.

shown they could be sensitive to national needs while mainraining traditional principles in the courses they developed, the courses they developed, which were for the personal

the economy improves. The new universities had

and social development of their Subjects that led directly to vocation, such as engineering, teaching and medicine, should not be taught solely as voca-tional courses. Students of medicing should have the opportunity of studying the ideas and principles behind

the science of medicine.

Fear of government control | Elstree Studios back from brink of closure to new life.

By Peter Godfrey
The future of Elstrec Studios, where it looked recently as if the arc lights had gone out for the last time, has been assured. Sir John Read, chairman of FML which course the studios EMI, which owns the studios, said last night that a new financing system and space of film-making had guaranteed its future "provided the scene does not change drastically". Elstree, an historic centre of the British film industry, faced closure in the wake of a film annual loss. However, it has just broken even after shedding all but 48 of its 480 permanent staff and rearranging most of its financial obligations of a

its financial obligations on a reelance basis.
"We had a terrible overhead load, which meant that we were carrying heavy losses whether productions were going on at Elstree or not". Sir John said. "We could not have sustained the studios as a loss-maker on that scale, but we now have every intention of undertaking

a very full filming programme there."
Two new films of Agatha

Christie thrillers are to be made at Elstree, and work is progress-ing on Ken Russell and Sam

Peckinpah films, Mr Andrew Mitchell, the studios' managing director, took a calculated risk in reorganiz-ing them as the only alternative to closure. Scenery stores on the 28-acre site were rented out as warehouses, the weekly £25,000 wage bill was slashed, and heads of departments invited to form their own specialized companies and lease their services to film-makers. "In this way we are no longer saddled with prohibitive operating costs, and the com-

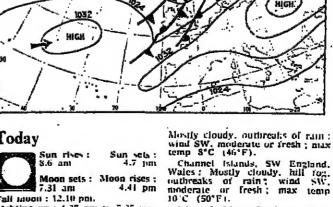
panies have an incentive to use their skills to the full." Mr Mitchell said. Part of the com-panies' profits are shared by EMI, which also charges film-Takers a basic stage rent. Mr Mitchell admitted that the workers' new freelance status exposed them to the economic whims of the film industry.
"They have lost the security they had before", he said. "As against that many have doubled

Hastings chess continue his revival.

son the resump-tion.

Smyslov versus Adorjan and Kaplan versus Kraidman were short draws, but the other Soviet player, Romanishin, had a difficult time against Vukcevic, who held on to a naw sacrificed by

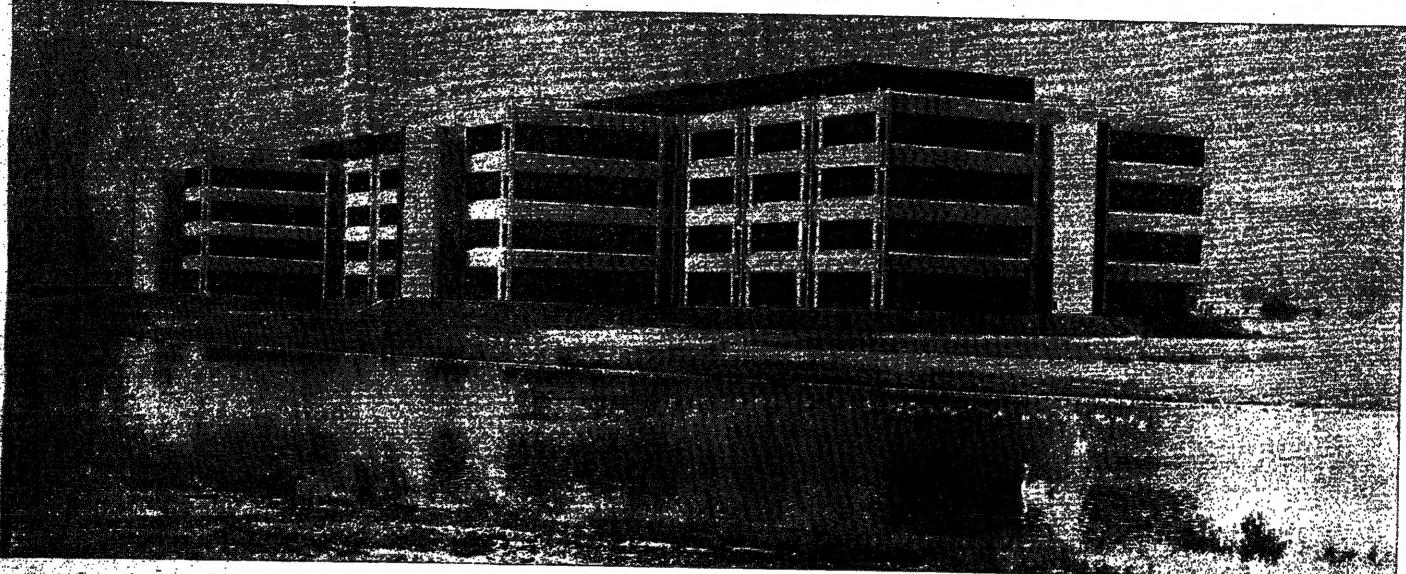
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A SW unstream covers the British Isles. A cold front will move SE across some N and W districts.

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NEW HEADQUARTERS MARKS IBM'S 25TH NNIVERSARY IN THE UK

IBM was established in Britain in 1951 - when ration books were more common than cheque books. IBM has been investing in Britain ever

Only last month IBM inaugurated its new UK treadquarters, at North Harbour, Portsmouth. One of the largest fully air-conditioned buildings in the country, it houses 1,400 staff, of whom over 700 were recruited locally.

The new four-storey building is on a 125-acre site which IBM reclaimed from the sea as a major part of the Portsmouth Harbour reclamation scheme. It occupies 360,000 square feet more than twice the area of the previous London head office.

Adjacent to it is another new building - of 107,000 square feet - which houses a large computer complex, the European hub of an internal information system that links computers in major IBM locations around the world.

North Harbour is just one example of IBM's continuing investments in Britain. Three other building projects are under way:

The manufacturing plant at Greenock in Scotland is being extended. Other work over the next two years will bring the total building area to 600,000 square feet.

A new block at the Hursley development laboratory near Winchester - IBM's largest outside the USA - will be ready for use in the summer.

And due for completion at about the same time is the first phase of the company's new multi-million-pound Midlands Marketing Centre at Warwick.

In addition, a number of other projects are at the planning stage, including the recently-acquired 37-acre site at Greenford, Middlesex.

These investments are all part of a record which, in 25 years, has seen IBM United Kingdom Limited grow from one office with under 100 employees to a direct employer of 13,000 people at over 40 locations throughout Britain.

IBM helps provide more jobs through its need for goods and services. In 1975, for example, this amounted to a purchase value of £50 million, from some 2,700 UK firms, large and small.

The company has also introduced new technology and associated skills to the UK through its activities at the Hursley laboratories and the manufacturing plants at Greenock and Havant. And its products have offered British industry, commerce and government new and more effective ways of increasing productivity.



IBM's other locations throughout the United Kingdom: manufacturing plants, a development laboratory, a scientific centre, administrative offices, education centres and sales offices, IBM's activities include manifacture and marketing of computers, from a portable model to very large systems; and the marketing of advanced office products such as memory typewriters, dictating equipment and photocopiers.

25 YEARS OF GROWTH IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

- 1951 IBM United Kingdom Limited formed Manufacturing started in temporary
- premises at Greenock, Scotland 1952 • First IBM computer installed in the UK 1954 · Greenock manufacturing plant opened
- 1,000th employee joined the company 1958 • Development laboratories established at Hursley, Winchester
- 1961 Turnover exceeded £4 million
- 1964 Greenock plant extended 1965 • Exports exceeded £10 million
 - 5,000th employee joined the company

- 1967 Manufacturing began at Havant,
 - New head office occupied at Chiswick, London
 - Second Greenock plant extension opened IBM Information Services Limited established
- Turnover exceeded £90 million 1968 • Education Centre opened at Sudbury,
- Middlesex 1969 · Scientific Centre opened at Peterlee,
 - Co. Durham
- Exports exceeded £30 million 10,000th employee joined the company 1971 • Turnover exceeded £170 million
- 1975 · General Business Group formed in the UK, establishing a major new group to service office equipment and small computer users Exports exceeded £170 million
- Turnover exceeded £390 million 1976 · New headquarters opened at North

'We need to re-awaken our slumbering selfconfidence as a nation!

Bad news, it is said, travels fast. In this country at the moment, bad news seems to be the only kind of news that travels at all.

Businessmen and politicians tend to lay the blame for this at the doors of the media. But perhaps the media are guilty only of reflecting what has recently become one of the country's most debilitating characteristics - a destructive habit of self-denigration.

Of course our conditions are difficult at the moment. Certainly the immediate economic prospects are far from promising. Unquestionably we need to increase industrial investment and responsiveness to the needs of the marketplace, and to reduce unemployment. We also need to spend more, rather than less, on the education and training of our youth, to help them make the world a better place to inhabit in the future. And we need to make the present more secure for our disabled and aged.

But we shall not achieve these objectives until we restore overseas confidence in us as a nation, and we shall not do that until we regain confi-

dence in ourselves. We need to re-awaken our slumbering selfconfidence as a nation of industrial and mer-

cantile innovators, and stifle our aptitude for placing the responsibility for our shortcomings at everyone's door but our own. We must revive a belief in our own ability and so restore our faith. We need to marshal our strengths and resources for success.

Both Government and industry will have to play their part in this. But I believe that the overall national interest will ultimately prevail. Perhaps then, good news will begin to travel

E. R. NIXON, CBE, Managing Director IBM United Kingdom Limited



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HOME NEWS

An eventful year for Bernard Leach

From Kenneth Gosling

The founder of one of the world's most famous craft potteries, Bernard Leach, is to cele-brate his ninetieth birthday today with a party for 400 people at St Ives, Cornwall.

There has carely been such a year as this for Mr Leach, with his memoirs coming out in the autumn and an exhibition of his work at the Victoria and Albert Museum from March until May. Since the beginning of last summer he has seen two or three visitors a week attracted to his home by curiosity or by his reputation. He talks about pots and books, sitting in an easy chair in his flat near the beach, a cassette recorder by bis side. Japanese dolls along the windowledge, paperbacks of his first published work, A Potter's Book, on a shelf near

Mr Leach, who is now almost blind, enjoys the sea. The tide comes right up to our wall", he said. "It goes out 200 yards and has a rise and fall of upwards of 20ft."

The evenings he keeps for his friends, and he has many of them, writers, artists and musicians. He has books recorded on cassette tapes, which he listens to during sleepless nights.

nights.

Bernard Leach tells of his youth as a "lonely kid". His mother died giving birth to him and his father remarried when he was four. He remembers doffing his cap to Queen Victoria as she rode in her carriage round the Home Park,

He went to the Slade at 16, studying under Henry Tonks. It was not a career his father would have chosen: "He was one of Queen Victoria's colonial



Mr Bernard Leach relaxing at his home at St Ives.

judges and he looked askance at that", Mr Leach said, adding, "but he was not an unkind

man.

"Tonks had been a first-class a year or so told him it was time, since he was very keen, to have a workshop in the garden of the home he had built for efforts. We respected him for it, and I do to this day.

"Then I ran into Omar Rhayyam, translated by Fitz-

Khayyam, translated by Fitz-gerald. There were lines that caught the imagination and I began to think for myself about the questions it raised. It became a long process: 10 years or so learning of the comparative approach to truth and beauty in different parts of the world. It began when I went out east at the age of 22."

In Japan he was introduced to Kenzan, last of a line of famous potters. He taught him

"And there I was, making a pot with the sort of enthusiasm such as this world seldom sees. My first child was born and I was torn between my first child and my first kiln."

His first pots were exhibited and he sold them for 2s 6d and 5s; the prices went up with each exhibition and he came back to England with £1,000. He accepted an invitation from a woman in St Ives who wanted a potter

in her craft guild and, with the help of Shoji Hamada, founded the Leach Pottery there. That was in 1920 and it is still there, with his son David in charge. Mr Leach, for some part of his life an agnostic, was conver-ted to the Baha'i faith, which he feels is what the world

any arms except the police of the world to keep government, that is what I want to see ", he

presently, a sensible thing to

Demand for cuts in **EEC** farm

prices From Hugh Clayton Agricultural Correspondent

Farm prices in the EEC should be held down to cut food should be need hown to cut root surpluses, a senior British official in charge of domestic agricultural policy said at the Oxford Farming Conference yes-

terday.

Mr Brian Hayes, Deputy
Secretary (Agriculture) at the
Ministry of Agriculture,
Fisheries and Food, called for
"consistent downward pressure
on real prices", and said that
unless prices were reduced, production would not go down.
Community prices, especially
for beef and milk, had been set
unnecessarily high. "It is to
everyone's advantage to avoid everyone's advantage to avoid that mistake in the future."

Mr Hayes said devaluation of the "green pound", the device with which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling, would raise food prices and cut consumption, and might prove in-flationary through its potentially adverse impact counter-inflation policies.

His speech gave powerful endorsement to the Government's policy of opposing EEC price rises that stimulate farm surpluses of the type that have been sold to the Soviet Union at prices below those in the Com

Mr Rayes said that farm price Mr Hayes said that farm price levels in the rest of the EEC were so much higher than those in Britain that there was scope for reducing them without cramping the ability to enlarge food output here. He thought the case for such enlargement

incontestable.

Mr Brian Gardner, a journalist based in Brussels, said reduction of the difference between the green pound and sterling by only half would add 10p to the price of a half pound of butter, 6p to a pound of beef, and 14p to a pint of milk. Rising prices threatened the size of the consumer market for food.

Relations between vegetable growers and processers were discussed by Mr A. H. Coburn, managing director of Findus, the frozen food company. Sometimes there was disagreement about contract prices, he said. "What I do not chink we

should be expected to take into account, or even sympathize with, is the farming community's blinkered desire to make the occasional quick buck", he said. Some growers had started

processing to take advantage of the increasing number of home freezers, Mr Coburn said. "What was forgotten was that the frozen food market has expanded so rapidly because of the consistency and quality of its products."

Dr. Dale Hathaway, Director

of the International Food Policy Research Institute, in Washington, said the framework for farmers in developed countries would be determined by ways in which growing food deficits were met in the less developed. The pattern of increasing demand in the future was clear. but stimuli towards increased output, which had been present in the 1960s, would not be repeated. Developed countries, including those, such as Britain, which imported much food, would have to help in stock-piling grain to meet shortages

in poor countries.
Farmers in such countries would have to accept greater access to their protected markets for tropical products such as sugar and vegetable oils which competed with home out

"A United Nations without

tranquillity. He chose the ground for his father's burial and the stone is still there. "I shall be doing that for my own

who broke court

promise is freed Mr Alan Gibson, aged 28, who was jailed last Friday for breaking a court promise to stay away from his former wife, was freed by the London Divorce

Court yesterday. Counsel for Mrs Eileen Gibson, aged 37, told Judge White:
"She wishes me to ask you to
take a charitable view of the

Mr Gibson, a train driver, had broken his undertaking not to go to the former marrimonial home in West Hendon except for access to his daughter, aged five, it was stated. Mrs Gibson cut her wrists after his

Mr Gibson will now live with this father at Hatfield, Hertford

Town's busmen strike Thousands of people walked

West Midlands, yesterday after more than 280 busmen had gone on strike in protest over the alleged lack of heating in

Woman escapes

Judith Davies, aged 20, sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Swansea Crown Court in July, 1975, for theft, burglary and assault, has escaped from Styal Prison, Wilmslow, Cheshire. She was first missed on Monday.

Dry dock flooded

The Fire Brigade was called to Portsmouth dockyard yesterday to pump our seawater that partly flooded a dry dock in which the frigate Lowestoft is being relitted.

Station for sale

A red-brick railway station built by the village green at Stoke by Clare, Suffolk, in 1870 is for sale from British Rail

Communion theft

for £20,000.

A woman's handbag, valued with contents at £25, was stolen from a church pew while its owner was taking Holy Communion in Holy Rood Church, Swindon, Wiltshire.

Former husband | Academic link with politicians mooted to examine country's economic state

By Peter Hennessy

A policy institute modelled on the Brookings Institution in Washington may be established in London by the end of this year. Its purpose would be to bring together policy-makers and academics to examine the economic and social difficulties. economic and social difficulties facing Britain.

facing Britain.

The moving spirit behind the British Brookings", as it has become known, is Professor Ralf Debrendorf, Director of the London School of Economics and a former EEC commissioner. He has made clear that he does not wish to run the proposed institute himself-and has reaffirmed his commit-ment to the LSE, to which he was appointed for 10 years in

The cost of the London institute, which would be boused wistin easy reach of West-minster and Whitehall, is esti-mated at £1m a year. Professor Dahrendorf, a trustee of the Ford Foundation, is confident that the money can be raised from British, European and American sources provided that suitable men and women can be found to staff the institute. It would have a permanent bead, a board of 10, and up to 80 fellows and visiting fellows. Among the areas of public policy it might examine are the use of North Sea oil revenue permanently to reorganize the Bricish economy; and political and social issuies such as devolution, industrial democracy and the possible concents of a Bill of Rights.



Policy institute plan.

Such a "British Brookings

circulated within Whitehall and the arademic community last also convert Professor Dahrendorf Brooking wrote: "What is needed is a university meeting place which is also a option).

The report confirms that local

Terraced houses in poor con-

dition are ferching about 16,000; \$10,000 is the usual price for one in good condition. The report identifies "Akenfield"

resident they set up their own activities, which for reasons of background and education are

between the portrayal of facts from differing points of view and the distortion of them for

political propaganda.
"Racial peace and justice in

Britain depend upon the creation of understanding. The

journalist has a responsibility

to create understanding. The

situations in many villages.

"As 'offcomers' beco

nigher rates and a sales tax on holiday homes are among suggestions put forward at Lancaster after a survey of "ghost villages" in the Lake District.

A team from Lancaster University, after a survey commis-

place of scholarship, and one which attracts the best brains in the country as well as those in positions of major responsi-bility."

Its primary purpose would be to bridge the gap between those engaged in research and analysis and politicians and civil servants responsible for formulating public policy. Professor Dahrendorf believes that the need for a British Brookings is made more acute by the is made more score by the political instability and economic decline from which Britain

The Social Science Resarch Council, which might be involved in the venture, has set up a subcommittee of its research initiative board to examine a variety of proposals for an institute of policy for an institute of policy studies. Its members are Mr Derek Robinson, chairman of a Cambridge social scientist, and Mr Humphrey Cole, director general of economics and resources at the Department of

WEST EUROPE

Falangists join call for political amnesty to help Spain 'advance on road to democracy'

Madrid, Jan 4
The fascist-rooted Falange surprisingly joined the clamour for a broader amnesty today. The self-styled "authentic sec-The self-styled "authentic sector" of the party sent a letter to Sedor Adolfo Suarez, the Prime Minister, listing five conditions for advancement "along the road to democracy".

The Falangists wanted the voting age lowered to 18; representation in Parliament for cultural and reighbourhood associated.

tural and neighbourhood associations; abolition of the National Movement, the political National Movement, the political organization in which they were incorporated by General Franco; elimination of the requirement for political parties to seek official approval and register; and amnesty for political prisoners.

The appeal for amnesty coincided with other similar appeals from many political organiza-tions, and with a continuing series of demonstrations, particularly in the Basque country. However the Falangist appeal had little else in common with the demands of the demonstra-tors. The idea of parliamen-

tors. The idea of parliamentary representation on anything but a proportional or geographical basis is a clear throwback to General Franco's so-called organic democracy, and the interest of the Falange in amnesty seems to have developed only since Señor Suárez's Government at last began to agreest right-wing thus as gan to arrest right-wing thugs as well as leftists.

As for the abolition of the National Movement, hard-core Falangists have always favoured tha, if only in secret, because the movement absorbed them and diminished their influence.

Basque weekly magazine
Berriak. Anonymous telephone
calls, telling them that they
would be blown up, came only days after arsonists burnt out the magazine's San Sebastian

The weekly, which began pub-The weekly, which began publishing only last September, has angered right-wingers repeatedly because of its pro-Basque editorial line. After a recent issue included a huge fold-out Basque flag, someone daubed the walls of its offices with slogans such as "nationalistic nies".

listic pigs".

Two members of the staff recently received written death threats from "the Adolf Hitler

commando group".

Also in the Basque country
the mayors of 21 towns in the
province of Guipuzcao signed a province of Guipuzcao signed a letter of protest against the arrest of Señorita Mirentsu Purroy, publisher of another Basque magazine, Punta y Hora de Euskalerria. Señorita Purroy was imprisoned on December 27 and charged with insuling the armed forces by publishing a reader's letter which included criticism of alleged recent brutslity.

cluded criticism of alleged recent brutality.

In Madrid a building housing the offices of the Siemens Electrical Company and the Dow Chemical Company was evacuated yesterday after bomb threats from anonymous callers. There had been similar fake bomb scares in the past at the

building.
In Madrid a select committee

Meanwhile right-wing extremists reacted to the rash of pro-amnesty demonstrations in the north with new death threats to the editors of the Basque weekly magazine Berriak. Anonymous telephone calls, telling them that they represented by Señor Santiago Carrillo, no longer in hiding after his brief spell in the Carabanchel prison and his subse-quent release pending trial on a charge of "illegal associa-

a charge of "illegal association". At earlier meetings of
the committee a chair had
always been left vacant for
Señor Carrillo.

Madrid, Jan 4.—Señor Carrillo told reporters before the
meeting started that the Communists would not be an obstacle to talks with the Government on elections this

spring. Senor Suarez has repeatedly said he would not negotiate directly with the Communists but was willing to talk about electoral procedures with the opposition group of which the Communists were part.

The meeting today was expected to arrange a compromise whereby the Communists would allow themselves to be represented by other opposition

The Supreme Court today announced the official and final results of the referendum which on December 15 overwhelmingly endorsed a Government-proposed plan for parliamentary elections this reas

elections this year.
Eligible voters numbered
22,644,290. Those who cast bal-22,644,290. Those who cast our lots were 17,599,562. Votes in favour of the elections totalled 16.573, 180. Votes against were 450,102, and blank votes 523,457. A further 52,823 votes were invalidated.—Reuter and AP.

Tough talks ahead on **EEC** posts

From Our Own Correspondent

Brussels, Jan 4 Mr Roy Jenkins, presidentdesignate of the European Commission, slipped quietly into Brussels today in preparation for his formal assumption of office on Thursday. Mr Christopher Tugendhat, who is to be the second British Com-

to be the second Bripsh Commissioner, also arrived in the Beigiam capital.

Mr Jenkins takes over from the incumbent, M François-Xavier Ortoli, of France, on Thursday morning. After a short meeting with members of the Commission staff, he will make a statement to the press and then go into conclave with other members of the new Commission to sort out the portfolios. Their allocation is expected to be amounced by Mr Jenkins that evening.

The bargaining over the portfolios is likely to be lively. Mr Jenkins's preferences, though

Jenkins's preferences, though prevail since, ultimately, each job is decided by majority vote of the 13-man Commission.

Six members of the new Commission, including M Ortoli, are members of the present one, which formally completes its four-year term of office tomorrow.

PLO blames Zionists for Paris murder

From Paul Martin Paris, Jan 4

An Arab shot dead outside his bookshop in Paris last night was the victim of a "Zionist plot", the Palestine Liberation Organization said today.

In a statement issued as police were trying to track down the gunmen, the PLO office in Paris declared that Mr Mahmoud Saleh, a senior member of the organization in France, was the fourth victim of an Israeli assassination cam-

Saleh, a 38-year-old

Mauritanian, took over the PLO office in Paris after Mr Mahmoud Hemchari, a high-ranking member of the Palestinian intelligence network, was assassinated in December, 1972. He held the post for some months before resigning because of his affiliations with the Rejection Front within the

Palestmian movement.
The police are working on the theory that he was killed by a Zionist activist movement. However, it has not been dis-counted that he may have been the victim of a factional feud

Anger over jail security as

the men. As the hunt went on, the escape threatened to develop into a political controversy. Polimented angrily about security at Italian jails which they said was so bad that escaping had become a child's game.

Italian prisoners vanish

Treviso. Jan 4.—Thirteen
Italian prisoners appeared to cluded an alleged left-wing have made a clean getaway today after breaking out of jail urban guerrilla, Signor Prospero Gallinari, and a convicted here on Sunday night. Police murderer, Signor Domenico said they had lost all trace of Napoli who was recently transferred to Treviso from Florence, where he was said to have led

a jail revolt.
The Treviso prison governor. Signor Giancario Severini, said he had offered to resign, but z Justice Ministry official said the resignation would not be accepted.—Reuter.

Minister resigns after son is charged with bank raids

From Our Own Correspondent

resigned for family reasons, according to a Government statement last night. Dr Antonio taken over the portfolio tempor-

arily, it said. Press reports today linked Dr Rosa's resignation with the arrest of his 27-year-old son, who is accused of two minor bank raids in the Lisbon area.

The Government statement gave no further explanation.

Minister, who accepted with regret Dr Rosa's departure, praised the 55-year-old Socialist

Lisbon, Jan 4
Dr Walter Rosa, Portuguese
Minister of Industry and Technology since last July, has portfolios, the other being Dr resigned for family reasons, Antonio Barreto, Minister of according to a Government Commerce and Tourism, who statement last night. Dr Antonio took over agriculture last Sousa Gomes, the Minister of November after the resignation of Senhor Lopes Cardoso The blow of Dr Rosa's de-

parture comes at a time when the Government economic team has been under criticism for failing to give the country a stronger lead in the economic crisis. Dr Soares has denied planning Cabinet changes and the economic posts have always been the most difficult ones for the Socialists to fill. But a reshuffle now looks increasingly

European unity prize for Mrs Williams Hamburg, Jan 4.—Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, is to

receive the first award presen-ted by a West German foundation for promoting European unity. The award has been created by the FVS Foundation of by the FVS Foundation of Hamburg as a memorial to Dr Joseph Bech, Luxembourg and protagonist of statesman and protagonist of European unity, and is designed a distinction for signal services and personal engagements in the cause of Europe."

The Joseph Bech prize carries on award of DM 20,000 (£5,000) which Mrs Williams shares with a Swiss scholar and university teacher, Professor Henri Rieben of Lausanne.

Paris car parks sue city for £3m

Paris, Jan 4.—The owners of 12 Paris underground car parks are suing the city for 25m francs (E3m), alleging that police are not giving our enough parking tickets to stop people leaving cars in the streets.

Police lenience is a menace to their livelihood, the garage awages claim. They are calcium. owners claim. They are seeking

Five ways to save Venice Rome, Jan 4.-Five Italian Minister. One consortium in-

trances to the Venice lagoon to try to reduce the regular flooding which is damaging the city, the Public Works Ministry announced roday.

It gave no details of the schemes, and said they would be judged by a committee to be appointed by the Public Works

Trances is seen exceptionally the city.

Controlling the lagoon entrances is seen by experts as one of the keys to saving Venice from progressive deterioration.

—Reuter.

consortia have submitted cludes the Picelli Rubber Comsortium in schemes for controlling the flow of water through the three envers ago the use of inflatable trances to the Venice lagoon rubber dams to block the lagoon rubber dams to block the lagoon

Press accused of damaging race relations Mr Evans says that in the given in a healthy democracy. But there is a crucial difference future the press must give more

sensitive treatment to " modern, multiracial Britain". He advo-

cates the use of more black and

Asian journalists as a way of

helping to improve race rela-

versity, after a survey commis-sioned by the Lake District Special Planning Board, has reported that of every 10 houses in the Lake District

National Park one is a holiday

home. In some valleys, such as Eskdale and Patterdale, the pro-portion is one in three, and some hamlets housed one only permanently resident family.

Newspapers are accused today of contributing to an "unpre-cedented detectoration in race relations" in Britain last year. The accusation is made in a Rumnnymede Trust booklet, Publish and Be Damned? written by Mr Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent of "Negative censorship" is no answer, he says. Hiding facts about race difficulties or even

he Times. It says that newspapers have sometimes played up a racial matter on a news page while playing it down in the opinion

Man married so

A Pakistani married a shop assistant whom he had met only once, although she was five months pregnant and could not

speak his language, an Immi-gration Appeals Tribunal was told in London yesterday.

The Home Office alleged that

the marriage had been one of convenience, to enable Mohammed Arhtar Butt, aged 29, to stay in Britain. The tribunal agreed and rejected Mr Butt's appeal against a deportation order.

The tribunal was told that Mr Butt came to Britain last

May with a visitor's permit

that he could

stay in Britain

Minister to join public in transport debate

make them go away.

Facts on race matters and opinions about them should be to create understanding. The journalist cannot escape part of the responsibility for justice and racial peace."

By Our Transport

Correspondent State for Transport, is to take part in a public participation exercise on transport policy in

Manchester next month. Transport industry leaders, including Mr Peter Parker, chairman of British Rail, and union leaders, including Mr Jack Jones and Mr Sidney Weighell, have been invited to take part, but the most import-ant contribution is expected to come from 50 citizens of Man-chester who will represent con-

They will spend the previous weekend at a seminar consider-ing how they want transport policy on railways, buses, roads, freight, and urban traffic to work.

The venture is being organized jointly by Salford University's department of civil engineering and transport planning, and the Greater Manchester Council for Voluntary
Service, whose chairman, Mr
Jack Goldberg, said yesterday:
We want to bring people together for a meaningful discussion on transport policy that goes beyond statements of vested interest.

increase parental control

pute over comprehensive edu-cation, is to be asked to endorse a scheme that will give parents virtual control of the governing bodies of about 90 schools.

to the committee next Tuesday and to the full council next and to the full council next month. It envisages governing bodies for grammar, secondary modern and comprehensive schools consisting of five elected members, eight parents, one teacher and one pupil. The present composition is 12 elected members, one teacher, one parent and one pupil one parent and one pupil. au
In junior and primary to
schools the new constitution po

Gun warning by

Gun owners were warned yesterday by Mr Stanley Railey, Chief Constable of Northum-bria; to take care of them "In 1976 almost a hundred firearms were stolen from homes, business premises, shops, and vehicles, and not all

and one pupil.

If the proposals are approved they will finally remove control of school administration from the Labour Party on Tameside Mr Donald Thorpe, chairman of the education committee,

said that that would have happened this summer in any case because of the change in control on the council to the Lectures are to be organized next month to help parents who may be elected on to governing bodies to understand niceties of procedure.

allowing gas to escape is being investigated.

Although the governing bodies would be given greater autonomy, they would still have to operate within council policy.

The safety of certain gas heaters with pilot lights that can be blown out by draughts, threatened by three huge land-

towards the town. Fifty-five years ago a similar landslip destroyed three-quarters of San Fratello and the townspeople

There are more landslips at the ceranics town of Caltagirone, while in many areas

its natural formation and to a larger extent, by the thought-lessness of man. What was once the granary of the Roman

Landslip threat to Sicilian towns

Rome. Jan 4

In four Sicilian towns families huddle in the pouring rain while vast slabs of mountainside slide slowly and inexorably downwards, threatening to crush their homes like matchwood. Round them the earth has split open into large crevasses, some 30ft deep. Masses of rock and mud are swept towards the valleys as the water gouges new channels for itself in the

slips, which are undermissing of Coltanissetta.

The inhabitants of San
Fratello, on the north coast, are
watching anxiously as a landthe outskirts of the hill town of Coltanisserta.

The inhabitants of San
Fratello, on the north coast, are
watching auxiously as a landslip 500 yards wide moves down

empire is now only productive
in certain areas.

"The land is sick", in the
opinion of Professor Marcello
Carapezza of Palermo Univer-

are still waiting for the conser-vation work which had been promised at the time.

grone, while in many areas water, a precious commodity in Sicily, is desperately short because landslips have broken or damaged the pipelines.

Sicily is suffering from a serious attack of its centuries-old disease, a slow geological disintegration caused partly by its natural formation and to a

upset.

trolled building speculation, wholesale deforestation and a lack of an adequate policy for land conservation.
The island lacks even an upto-date geological map. "The one we have is more than a hundred years old and is only

of use to science historians."
Such a map would hardly be a luxury in an island where about 40 per cent of the terri-tory is listed as subject to landslips, 30 per cent as unstable and only 30 per cent as stable. A period of heavy rain, such as has fallen in Sicily over Christmas and the scilly over Christmas and the new year, in-evitably brings tragedy. In the past four years 26 people have died and millions of pounds worth of damage has been done by landslips and flooding,



would form an independent source of advice for British governments, of whatever politi-

cad complexion. One of its first initiatives would probably be to prepare a contemporary version of the Beveridge report of 1942, which provided the basis of the postwar welfare state. It would examine social security, unemployment and health provision and related taxation

Professor Dahrendorf:

policies.
In a discussion document

The possibilities the subcommittee is considering include the devolution option of three institutes in London, Scotland and Wales; assisting and enlarging certain existing inter-disciplinary teams in universities, and an institute attached

to London University to com-bine teaching and research. It also considers a London "Brookings" separate from the (the Dahrendorf

Levy proposed on holiday homes in ghost villages

quite different from the public social events traditionally organized in villages. to withdrawal on the part of locals, which is then dismissed as apathy by the enthusiastic as apathy by the enthusiastic but sometimes insensitive immi-"It is typically found that in grant. The effect is to increase the difference between the two those villages in the national park where more offcomers live, particularly in parishes in south Lakeland, new village groups."

The report says an increased rate on second homes has long been discussed. It would probably not reduce the number of

activities are started—ramblers, naturalists, and sailing, for example—which previously had not been formally organized village activities, and which local people do not attend. holiday homes by very much but the extra money could be used to ease the housing.

A sales tax on houses sold for other than full-time use would be a further means of discrim-"The newcomers also tend

to take over positions on the parish council and the parochial church council. Often this leads full-time resident. Tameside schools plan to

which figured in last year's dis-

The scheme will be presented

police chief

of them have been recovered , he said.

Tests on gas heater safety

The Department of Prices and Consumer Protection, which is doing experiments, thinks some controls may be



The new Rover 3500 has been voted "Car of the Year" for 1977.

When Spencer King, the man responsible for design and development of Leyland Cars' products, heard the news, he said something that we think you ought to hear:

"I'm absolutely delighted that the Rover has been given this accolade, all the more so because it is given by 49 judges from 6 European countries.

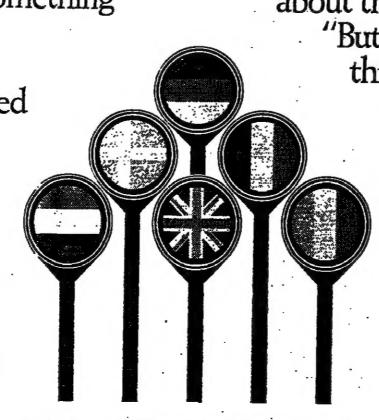
"It would have been easy for the Rover to win if it only had to compete with British cars: the

fact that a European jury gave us the verdict against new cars from leading American and Continental manufacturers is massively encouraging to anyone who cares about the British car industry.

"But the most important thing about this award is that it reflects the new attitudes and objectives at Leyland. From drawing board to production line, we're seeking to build all our cars to the same

our cars to the same exacting standards of design and quality of manufacture.

"This award is a very pleasing beginning for our new company."



CAR OF THE YEAR 1977



Mr Rabin takes up task of steering Israel out of crisis

Jerusalem, Jan 4
Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Prime
Minister of Israel, was today
asked by President Katzir to
form a new Government. Eis mission has been overshadowed by the suicide last night of Mr Abraham Ofer, the Housing Minister, and will be delayed unril after Mr Ofer's state runeral in Tel Aviv tomorrow.

Mr Rabin is fulfilling consti-

tutional requirements by agree-ing to try to form an alternative government but he is un-likely to complete the task. His efforts are being overtaken by the passing of a Bill dissolv-ing the knesset and setting May 17 as the date for a gen-

When this is settled Mr Rabin and his remaining ministers will become a caretaker government until the election. Some will have to double up to fill the vacated portfolios of Mr Ofer, the three National Religious Party ministers who were expel-led, and the two Independent Liberal ministers who resigned. The death of the Housing Minister, which has shocked arily cooled election fever. General Ezer Wiezman, the cam-paign manager for the right-wing Likud Party, said that Mr Ofer was "the victim of a system" of which "very unfortunately" he was a part. But Likud would not make use of the tragedy in its election cam-

paign.
Mr Arie Eliav, a former sec-retary-general of the Labour Party and an old friend of Mr Ofer, said that when he spoke Ofer, said that when he spoke to Mr Ofer a few days ago he seemed "a broken man, deserted by his so-called friends in the Government". Mr Ofer had told him: "I am sinking in the mud of libel and insults. My friends are not helping me."

Members of Mr Ofer's family accused the press of causing his death by repeated demands for death by repeated demands for investigation of his activities

when he was director of Shikun Ovdim, the housing corporation of Histadrut, the labour organization. But reports today claim that it was the realization that he could not expect the support of Mr Rabin and his colleagues hat drove Mr Ofer to despera-

rently the disclosure that police inquiries had reached a point where Mr Ofer was likely to be

Beingt was paralysed by a strike today in protest against the deaths of 35 people in a huge

car bomb explosion, the worst single act of violence since most fighting in the civil war ended

The bomb went off in a busy

reet outside the headquarters the right-wing Phalangist

Party's security service last night. It shattered five build-

ings in the vicinity and reduced 17 cars to charred, twisted piles

A woman Phalangist pointed

today to what remained of a yellow salon car and said: "A

couple and their three sons died

in this." A human finger was wedged into a crack in the

Except for a few green-grocers, butchers and chemists,

all shops in eastern Beirut were

closed. So were the schools. With tension running high, streets were almost deserted and some of the main roads

leading from the eastern half

feited his right to play in the

decides the challenger to Ana-toly Karpov of the Soviet Union,

of the International Chess Federation (Fide) said today

that Fischer had failed to notify

Fide by January 1 of his inten-

tion to compete and had been

replaced by Boris Spassky of

the Soviet Union.

Spassky takes Fischer's

Amsterdam, Jan 4.—Bobby Viktor Korchnol, another Fischer, the American former Russian living abroad, will be world chess champion, has for-

candidates' tournament which has agreed that Tigran Petro-decides the challenger to Anasian, the Soviet former world

toly Karpov of the Soviet Union, champion, should meet him. the present champion. Petrosian bitterly attacked Miss Ineke Bakker. secretary of the International Chess asylum in Holland last July and

Spassky, from whom Fischer of the Soviet Union. The won the title in 1972, is now matches will be played in Febliving in France with his ruary and March over 12 games,

place in world chess

evidence on land deals by Shikun Ovdim had been given by a lawyer, Mr Haim Goshen. No final decision had been taken, but Mr Ofer is reported to have been depressed on dis-covering that Mr Rabin was not prepared to issue a declaration in his favour but preferred to allow the process of law to take

its course.

Mr Ofer, who until recently had been a key figure in Labour Party politics, was also upset at having been left out of the team organizing Labour's election campaign.

The new testimony by Mr Goshen is understood to relate to further land deals between Shikun Ovdim and Arab smallholders, not only in the eastern suburbs of Jerusalem, but also at Nebi Samwil in the West Bank

Leading newspapers temper expressions of sorrow with warnings that Mr Ofer's suicide should not be used to prevent thorough investigation of accusations of wrongdoing. How ever, Davar, the organ of His

ever, Dava, the organ of Histadrut, urges the police and the press to show restraint.

Mr Rabin will eulogize Mr Ofer at the Tel Aviv municipality, where his body is to lie in state, and at the graveside in a Tel Aviv cemetery.

Permission for the minister to be buried in a cemetery was given today after a meeting of the Tel Aviv rabbinate and the city's burial society. Amid some disquiet in the religious community, the rabbis had been charged with the task of finding's way round the tradition that suicides may not be buried in consecrated ground.

in consecrated ground.

Last night the Prime Minister
ssked Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren to find a way to hold a state funeral inside the cemetery. Colonel Gad Navon, the Army's chief chaplain, today ruled that "from the moment of pulling the trigger until the moment of death there was enough time for regret and repentance... And so it does not have to be considered suicide and he can be buried

properly."
This view has been accepted by Chief Rabbi Goren and the Sephardic Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. Other rabbis agreed that mercy should be shown in the terrible anguish he most have suffered in the last moments before the act of suicide.

of the city to Muslim west Beirut were blocked by burning

wing leader, in western Beirut. The Phalangist radio reported

that a man carrying explosives was detained by militiamen

while attempting to cross into eastern Beirut today and had

been handed over to troops of

the predominantly Syrian Arab peacekeeping force which is supervising the civil war truce. The radio also said supers from the leftist-dominated sub-

urb of Shiyah had opened fire on a Christian district. There

was no immediate confirmation

of this, but informed sources said three people had been killed and four wounded in a

gist office in the northern sub-urb of Jeideh.—Reuter.

The Soviet Chess Federation

their match could be tense.

The two other matches will

be between Bent Larsen of Denmark and Lajos Portisch of

Hungary, and Enrique Mecking of Brazil and Lev Polugaevsky

ruary and March over 12 games, with two extra games in the

Christian Beirut stops

work in mourning

A slip of the driver's foot caused this car to burst through the wall of a multistorey car park and hang precariously over a street in

Murdoch takeover talks continue

From Peter Strafford New York, Jan 4

Mr Rupert Murdoch, the Australian newspaper owner, is trying to reach an amicable settlement which will allow him tyres.

The explosion left a hole 8ft deep and about 16ft in diameter and shattered window panes as far as 500 yards away.

It came one month after three people were killed by a car bomb planted near the home of Mr Kamal Jumblatt, the left to complete his takeover of the New York Magazine Company. He is trying in particular to win over Mr Clay Felker, the presi-dent of the company, who has so far been his most active

opponent. Mr Murdoch said last night when he arrived at a meeting of the company's board. "We want Clay Felker to stay as editor-inchief." He added that Mr Felker would have "all the freedom and integrity that implies".

The battle for the company, which publishes the successful magazine New York and The Village Voice, as well as New West in California, has been a bitter one so far.

Mr Murdoch claims to have equired more than 50 per cent of the company's stock by buy-ing shares from stockholders opposed to Mr Felker's policies, but Mr Felker has gone to court to prevent the takeover.

The issue came to a head at a stormy board meeting last night. Mr Murdoch announced that he had more than 50 per cent of the stock, and the board voted six to five to accept the take-

But there was strong opposi-tion from Mr Felker and others,

killed in trunk

of wife he

of the actions taken by the board, and that there would be further meetings in an effort to avoid litigation.

a large block of sizers, representing about 24 per cent of the total, from Mr Carter Bur-City Council.

Mr Feiker has been strongly supported by the editorial staff of New York and The Village

At a meeting yesterday, they issued a statement which was sharply critical of Mr Murdoch, and threatened to stop work if a decision on the takeover was not put off for 10 days.

averted when less night's board meeting ended inconclusively. The company's most recently-launched magazine, New West, published in Beverly Hills and

of the Rhodesia seriement con-ference, arrived in Gaborone, Botswana, today for the next stage of his southern African shuttle, still radiating optimism that a peaceful agreement between the Rhodesian Governand in the end the meeting was ment and the black nationalists can be reached.

A joint statement was issued afterwards on behalf of Mr Murdoch, Mr Felker and Mr Theodore Kneel, the company's lawyer. It said that there was disagreement one of the company's disagreement over the validity

Mr Felker claims that Mr urdech had no right to buy den, a member of the New York Mr Felker says he had an agreement with Mr Burden to give him the right of first

An immediate stoppage wa modelled on New York, is at the root of the trouble. The costs of starting it up have been far more than were expected.

Briton kept body | Mr Bukovsky will carry on

fight for Soviet dissidents

Practicalities of transition to black rule elude despondent whites

Rhodesia still unprepared for power sharing

Salisbury, Jan 4

In theory, Rhodesia might be
Zimbabwe with a majority rule
consultation later this year, or,
at the latest, by the following

spring.
Yet it remains an inconceivable prospect for most white Rhodesians. Except for the demands of the guerrilla conflict, which are considerable, the Rhodesian way of life seems immutable. Black power is still beyond most people's compre-

The horror of the guerrilla war, resentment of "the terrorwar, resembled to the terrorists and an obsessive fear of communism, dominate the thinking of whites here to the exclusion of everything else, particularly the practicalities of transition. Some whites think in terms of power sharing but few appre-ciate that the prospect is

When Mr Smith, the Prime Minister, announced on Septem-ber 24 that he and his government had agreed to the imple-mentation of majority rule within two years, his decision was welcomed by his opponents and accepted as inevitable by his supporters. Today, it is seen as improbable rather than inevitable.

The first flush of optimism at the economic potential to be unleashed by the country's re-turn to legality has given way to pessimism at what seems increasingly to be impending

Hopes and confidence are being whiteled away by several factors, chiefly the increasingly bloody guerrilla conflict and the tone and tenor of the Geneva

The African nationalist stance at Geneva is regarded by white able. They find it difficult to regard as their future leaders men who are the leaders of the

to meet

From Nicholas Ashford

Mr Ivor Richard, chairman

He said on arrival that the talks he had had so far in Zambia, Rhodesia and South Africa had strengthened his

view that a settlement was

possible. "There is scope for

getting an agreement and this is what I am trying to achieve",

he stated.
Mr Richard was having dinner with Mr Archie Mogwe, the

Botswana Foreign Minister, this

evening and was due to have talks with President Sir Seresse

Khama tomorrow. The meeting

is likely to be both friendly and

informal However, Sir Seretse

can be expected to draw Mr

Richard's attention to the

recent incursions into Bosswanz by Rhodesian forces and to emphasize the importance for

Botswana of a speedy settle-ment to the Rhodesian prob-

For his part Mr Richard is

expected to outline his pro-posals for a "neutral" British

presence in Rhodesia during

the transitional period.

Mr Richard's talks in Bots

Mozambique and Tenzania later this week will complete the first stage of his journey. By that time all the parties directly or indirectly involved will have beared at first band his least

heard at first hand his latest

thinking on the Rhodesian issue and will have find an oppor-tunity to explain their positions

Johannesburg, Jan 4

today

to believe that serious con-sideration is being given to the prospect of people whom they regard as terrorists being in-tegrated with, or superseding,

Government security forces.

To make things worse, the power struggle between the black leaders has created the spectre of political violence and possibly post-independence civil war. This is feared as much war. This is feared as much by blacks as whites. In the three months since Mr

Smith conceded the imminence of change there has been no serious attempt to prepare or educate the population for the transition that is to come.

The Government is still only half-heartedly unravelling the bureaucratic red tape of discriminatory legislation. It has made no move to implement major reforms proposed by a multi-racial, Governmentmulti-racial, Government-appointed commission before September 24 which are all the

more vital now.

There has been no national debate on how the transition is to be effected. Radio and television continue to propagate the ruling Rhodesian Front's most right-wing line, emphasizing the dangers and prospects of Marx-

Newspaper letter-columns are dominated by bitter tirades rather than constructive discussion, and the white population remains as isolated as ever from contact and communication with the black politicians who are scheduled to take over the

Fair from being induced to expound their policies, the African leaders have been denied access to radio or television and prevented from holding public meetings. They have made contact with their black supporters by the play of stage. supporters by the ploy of stag-ing open air "press confer-ences" before thousands of blacks.

There has been no attempt Minister, is understood not approach is necessary.

It is also quite beyond whites by the media to present or inrical broadcast.

As a result few whites, even

As a result few whites, even now, know the names of any black politicians other than the four faction leaders, Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole and Mr. Robert Mugabe. The prime bogy-man for whites is Mr Mugabe. But white fears of him are largely those born of preconception and of the unknown. It would be true to say that even the most assiduous of African political observers are uncertain of tical observers are uncertain of

agency summaries or hearsay of what he is supposed to have been quoted as saying on Maputo radio. The black politicians are not blameless for this ignorance. They are adept at avoiding mak-

ing any firm statements regarding the substance of the poliing the substance of the poli-cies they would hope to pursue.

But if there has been one
encouraging development in the
past few weeks it is that the
back factions have turned some of their attention to winning white support. Mr Nkomo's faction has been taking large advertising space in the Rhodesia Herald, to state, admittedly in vague terms, its

> Richon Muzorewa's faction of the African National Council has stated that it intends to pursue a mixed economy, that it values the skills of white Rhodesiaus and that it wants whites to join the ANC. Unfortunately both efforts have met with minimal constructive response from the whites.
> Mr Ian Smith, the Prime

vestigate the African nationalist viewpoint, either by means of extensive interviews or current affairs debates, or even by the equivalent of a party political broadcast American settlement terms as negotiated by Dr Henry Kissinger, the American Secretary of State, he has apparently agreed reluctantly to give the revised proposals further consideration, pending the return of Mr Ivor Richard, the Geneva conference chairman, to Salis-

of Mr Ivor Richard, the Geneva conference chairman, to Salisbury in about a week's time. Clearly his acceptance would be dependent on what assurances Mr Richard can offer him after having seen the black presidents. And that, in turn, will depend a great deal on what attitude Mr Vorster, the South African Prime Minister, can be oursuaded to adoot. Mr Mugabe's political philoso-phy. What most white Rhode-sians know of it is the result of third or fourth hand news

he has to win commitments from the African leaders without being able to promise them that Mr Smith is committed to the deal.

the deal.

British hopes of the Rhodesian Government dropping its insistence on sticking rigidly to the initial Anglo American proposals, is based on the belief that the desire to bring the war to an end is paramount and if they can be assured that this is feasible then they will be more flavible.

It is felt that the Rhodesian forces are not on top in the guerrilla conflict and, knowing this, any rational leader must be anxious to bring the war to

The weakness of the British line of reasoning, however, is that while all Rhodesians are concerned at the escalation of the war, the view that the Government forces need a settlement is not widely held. It may depend on a commitment from Mr Vorster to cut supplies to convince the Rhodesian Government that a more flexible

Mr Humphrey's bitter moment Mr Richard Sir Seretse

From Fred Emery
Washington, Jan 4
Senator Hubert Humphrey,
the Democratic leader who lost
the presidency to Mr Richard
Nixon by a whisker in 1968,
today averted one last election

He withdrew at the last moment from a hopeless election for Senate majority leader. His gesture ensured the elec-tion by acclemation of Senator Robert Byrd, of West Vinginia. who had been the overwhelming favourite to succeed Mr Mike Mansfield

On the Republican side, there was a surprise as Senator Howard Baker, of Tennessee, Howard Baker, or tempesset, upset by one vote Senator Robert Griffin, the Michigan colleague of President Ford, who bad been expected to succeed Mr Hugh Scott as minority. leader. Mr Baker, a moderateconservative Republican, first gained national attention dur-ing the televised Senate Water-

gate committee hearings.

But the Democratic leadership post is the one that counts. By sentiment, superior capability

eloquence, the job ought to have been Mr Humphrey's by

liberal champion since 1948, and his fellow liberal Demo-crats form a majority within the Democrats majority.

Ent his recent operation for cancer—and Mr Byrd's highly effective management of the tedious side of Senata business for the past five years—resulted in the younger, if less illustrious man gaming preference.

Mr Humphrey's finel acquiesence was undoubtedly a hitterence was undoubtedly a bitter moment. Even the labour unions for which he campaigned all his life failed to rally to

his support; They all knew that Mr Byrd had the votes, and presumably did not want to queer their pitch in future political busi-

Some put out the word that they wanted to be kind, they they did not wish the work to kill him. But as Mr James Reston, the columnist, noted in his final salute in The New York Times, there is something to that, but not much "Hubert to that, but not much. "Hubert

takes off and soars only at high speed. Work and responsibility are what keep him going."

The Senate leadership elec-tions were the highlight of the acclemation. He has been the convening day of the ninety.

fifth Congress. Headline writers here have had a lot of fun suggesting that it meant the "Return of majority rule" or even—as the Washington Post had it today—"One-party rule The new Senate listings are;

Mr Robert Byrd (West Virginia), aged 59, majority leader; Mr Alan Cranston (California), aged 62, majority whip; Mr Daniel Inouye, (Hawaii), aged 52, secretary, Democratic conference. Mr Howard Baker Tennes-

see), aged 51, minority floor leader; Mr Ted Stevens (Alaska), aged 53, minority whip; Mr Clifford Hansen (Wyoming), aged 64, secretary of the Republican conference.
In electing Mr Byrd the
Democrats have chosen a legis-lative manager whose past record of devoted housekeeping suggests that they will have smooth, predictable schedules. Since he ousted Senator quiddick scandal in 1971—Mr Byrd has not acted in a manner to suggest he would use the post as one of national leadership, in competition with the President.

Prince is

keen on

dramatics

Toronto, Jan 4.—Prince Andrew said today that he hoped to study drama while at school in Canada because he

liked to pretend he was some-

Blood problems of US diplomats in Moscow

Moscow, Jan 4.—Blood tests any adverse consequences from on United States Embassy staff the lymphocytosis.".

In Moscow show abnormalities The announcement comes in one-third of those tested, according to an administrative

notice distributed today. The blood tests were carried out after the Embassy had claimed that microwave radiation was being beamed at the building by the Russians. The tests showed an increase in the white blood cell count of one out of three employees and

relatives.

"There is no connexion with microwaves directed at the embassy", the notice said. But it added: "The cause remains undetermined." "It can only be said that there may be a factor in the

environment which produces a benign temporary increase in the circulating blood lymphocytes in some people." The notice was distributed to

all embassy staff and other Americans living in Moscow, It said that additional medical tests ordered by the State De-partment had failed to find

Singapore, Jan 4 .- The Singa-

ore correspondent of a Hongkong weekly was arrested today for "disseminating protected information" without the con-sent of the authorities.

A government spokesman said that Mr Ho Kwon Ping, correspondent of the Far Eastern Economic Review, would appear in court tomorrow. He declined to give any more details.

Mr Ho was arrested at his

office where police scarched some of the files.

Correspondent

in Singapore

arrested

just over a year after the radia-tion was disclosed, and two months after the embassy was designated as an "unhealthful post by the State Department,
At that time, hardship allowances for embassy staff were
increased because of "reported environmental conditions regarding sanitation and disease, medical and hospital facilities and climate"

In June, at the height of the concern over radiation, two girls, aged three, living in the emebassy were sent home for further tests after they had been found to have unusual blood problems.

Today's notice said that lymphocytosis, an increase in the number of one type of white blood cell, by itself "is no cause for alarm" and cocurs for example during periods of acute viral infection". It invited other Americans in Moscow to have blood tests at the embassy free of charge.

Sudan recalls

from Ethiopia

Khartum, Jan 4. Relations between Sudan and Ethiopia deteriorated further today with

deteriorated further today with the amouncement that President Nimeiry's Government has recalled its ambassador from Addis Ababa.

President Nimeiry warned Ethiopia on Saturday that he would raise an army from among the 100,000 Eritreon and other Ethiopian refugees in Sudan to repulse any Ethiopian attack, and renewed accusations that Ethiopia was training antigovernment Sudanese guerrillas

envoy

He told reporters at a recep-tion that he became bored with being himself and enjoyed taking on other roles. He added that the Prince of Wales was better at dramatics than he was. Prince Andrew arrived in Toronto yesterday, on his way to the Lakefield College school, near Peterborough, Ontario, where he will study for six months. The reception at the Ontario

legislature buildings was held after a private meeting with Mrs Pauline McGibbon, the Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario. The Prince said that he was surprised at the number of reporters at the reception, as well as at the number of reporters and photographers who met him at Toronto international airporor yesterday. He hoped to be treated simply as a schoolboy at Lakefield.
Prince Andrew asked the reporters how large Canadian

Muhammad Ali divorce

newspapers were and why Canadian television stations had

so many commercials, AP.

Chicago, Jan 4.—Mrs Khalilah Ali, wife of Muhammad Ali, the world heavyweight boxing champion, has been granted a divorce on the ground of deserthon, it was learnt here today.

She has been granted custody
of the four children and
awarded nearly \$2m (about
£1,200m) in cash and property. She will also receive an apartment in Chicago, a house in the suburbs and two cars.

President's Men has been chosen as the best film of 1976 by the New York Film Critics Circle. The film, based on the book of the same name by the Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, depicts their unravelling of the best film and Paddy Cheversky named best supporting actor award went to Jason Robards, who played Mr Benjamin Bradlee, executive editor of the Post.

Notice was voted second with the best film and Paddy Cheversky named best supporting actress named best supporting named n Watergate conspiracy involving was named screen writer of the for her role in Rocky.—AP.

best supporting actor award
went to Jason Robards, who
played Mr Benjamin Bradlee,
executive editor of the Post.

Network was voted second
best film and Podde Chambels

Year's best actor for his title
role in Taxi Driver.
The best actress award went
to Liv Ullman, for her part in
Face to Face. Talia Shire was

Watergate affair film voted best of 1976 New York, Jan 4 .- All the former President Nixon and his

government Sudanese guerrillas in camps near the border.

Alan Pakula was named best director for the film and the

year for his depiction of net-Robert di Nero was voted the

A police officer said Mr Michael Culley kiled his wife, Linda, soon after arriving here to take up a job in May, 1974. Mr Culley told his son, Charles, of the murder Vlastimil Hort of Czechoevent of a draw.—Agence France-Press and Reuter. of the murder. Charles, aged 16, who now lives in England, told police about the killing after his father's death. The son said in the statement has he had know the plant. Hang glider crash Cairo train sweeps injures five people nine to their death

Sydney, Jan 4.—A hang glider crashed into a group of holidaymakers at the resort of

Nambucca heads, 280 miles north of Sydney, today, injuring five people, —Reuter.

Cairo, Jan 4.—Nine people were killed and five others injured today when an oncoming train swept them off the steps of the train on which they were Peking press admits strife in Fukien

details of recent unrest in the strategic southern province of Fukien, but said rival groups were settling their differences.

The People's Daily reported beating, smashing and looting" in Fukien, and admitted the strategic southern province of official here, the provincial troubles occurred mainly before Chiang Ching's arrest last October but had not been completely quelled.

The People's Daily blamed The People's Daily reported bearing, smashing and looting" in Fukien, and admitted that factionalism last year the Fukien unrest on a few brought some factories to a people who were instigated by

About 12,000 troops have been mobilized in Fukien, which is opposite Taiwan, to end disturbances force ". blamed on followers of Chiang Ching, Mao Tse-tung's widow, and three other radical leaders. Local radio stations have re-ported violence in 11 of China's provinces, including "all-

Peking, Jan 4.—The Chinese round civil war in south-press today published more western Szechwan. details of recent unrest in the According to a Chinese

The People's Daily blamed

the "gang of four" to estab-lish illicit contacts, create splits, falsify charges against others and "stir up struggles with Fukien has a legacy of political feuding and after the downfall of the radicals the Army was mobilized to counter

sabotage and factionalism in

The newspaper added that rival groups were now ironing our their differences and concentrating their hatred on the radicals.

that he had kept quiet about the murder because "I loved my father".—Reuter.

The official radio station in southern Kwangtung province, monitored in Hongkong, said that Communist Party members and Army units at a recent study meeting in Canton called for thorough criticism of the four radicals. "We must not be kind-hearted or soft-handed towards

this bunch of big enemies of communism and the people. We

must criticize thoroughly and in depth their towering crimes

and thoroughly eradicate their poison and influence.

the radio said.—Reuter.

Singapore, Jan 4.-A coroner Mr Vladimir Bukovsky, the Russian dissident released from prison in the Soviet Union last today returned a verdict of murder against a British businessman after hearing that he killed his Eurasian wife and kept her dismembered body in a trunk in his flat for two years before he himself died of a heart attack.

By Diana Geddes

month in exchange for a Chilean Communist leader, flew into London from Switzerland yesterday, saying he was delighted to be making his first visit to a country "which has been a welcome sanctuary for so many Russian refugees a during the last few years. Mr Bukovsky was met at Heathrow airport by Russian friends, representations of friends, representatives of Amnesty International, and members of other groups working for the release of Soviet dissidents including Mr David Markham, the actor, who for the actor, who for the actor, who for the actor, who for the actor of the actor o five years campaigned inde-fatigably for Mr Bukovsky's

Mr Bukovsky is expected to spend most of his fortnight's stay in Britain at Mr Markham's stay in Britain at Mr Markham's home at Coleman's Hatch, Sussex. Asked what he would be doing there, Mr Markham replied firmly: "He'll bo having a toce, quiet time".

Mr Bukovsky, who is 34, is said to be still feeling rather weak from his two and half years in prison and is understood to be suffering from a heart condition, a liver ailment and ulcers. Although he looked pale and thin at yesterday's press conference, he appeared press conference, he appeared alert and fielded reporters' part and fielded reporters' He said that while in Britain

he planned to discuss with civil rights groups the problems of dissidents still in Russia. He

dissidents still in Russia. He hoped also to meet British psychiatrists. But, he added with a smile, that he expected

it would be a hard task to con-vince them in any way, as he knew from his own experience with Russian psychiatrists during his two forced sojourns in Russian mental hospitals during the 1960s.
Since arriving in the West he had already tried to help dissidents in Yugoslavia and

Chile. But his first concern was for his friends in Russia, particularly Vladimir Borisov, the Leuingrad dissident, who was arrested on Christmas Day and is being held adapted. was arrested on Christmas Day and is being held, without charge, in a mental hospital.

Mr Bukovsky said: "I'm sure that the battle for democracy which is waged now in the hearts of people in Eastern countries and the Soviet Union is a battle of everyone's concern. It's part of a universal cert. It's part of a universal buttle for freedom and justice, and it is in England that I hope to have the strongest support for this cause."

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He was happy for the British people, he added, because they were the keepers of democratic traditions and freedom. He said he wished to express his "extrame gratitude" to all those who were sympathetic to the Russian dissidents' cause. Moscow, Jan 4.—Security police searched the Moscow homes of Dr Yury Orlov and Mr Alexander Giusberg, members of a human rights group in Russia, another leading dissident said today.

Dr Valentin Turchin, also essociated with the group, said he learnt of the search when

he learnt of the search when Dr Orlov's wife called out to him from a window in their flat. He said police arrived at about the same time at Mr Ginsburg's home,-Reuter.

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Selectors remain faithful to Young

Rugoy Correspondent

Malcolm Young, the Gosforth scrim half, had the best of all hirhday presents yesterday with the appoundment that he will partner Cooper at half-back in the England XV to play Scotland at Twickenham on Sahurday week. He is one of four new caps. The athers are Charles Kent at centre. He is one of four new caps. The others are Charles Kent at centre, Robin Cowling (loose head prop) and Michael Rafter (openside wing forward). It is a team which allowing for the inclusion after injury of Cotton. Nigel Horton and Hignell, exactly conforms to the senior side in the second half of the final trial.

There are only four survivors— Hignell, Slemen, Cotton and Beaumont—from the England side that lost in Paris at the end of last season's champiouship, although Utiley, the new captain, Squires and Wheeler, would have played against France had they been fit.

steve Smith, who seemed to have done enough in the final rival to win the strum half position, must be considered distinctly unfucky. However, the selectors have been consistent, at least in the short term, in that Young was their choice for the senior side in both trials. This resilient and most popular player, now 29, who won a socter Bine at Cambridge and played in his first national rugby trial in 1969, at last wins his international synts first national right trial in 1969, at last wins his international squase behind his Gosforth colleagues, Utiley and Dixon. Their presence may well have helped to fift the selection Young's way although, truth to say, England's loose tric, with Utiley understandably not match fit; hardly ser Twickenham alight last Saturday.

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to the record

The choice of Young inevitably The choice of Young inevitably sparks off some revealing statistics. Be will be the fifth player picked in his position since England won their last championship victory, against Scotland in 1975, and the seventeenth in all since Dickie Jeeps, now president of the Rugby Football Union, and still playing occasionally, redued from the international scene in 1962 with 24 caps to his name. The latest atliance is the eleventh at half back (inclusive of substitutions) since Jamary, 1975, and it provides Cooper with his fourth partner in eight internationals.

The selectors have also decided,

The selectors have also decided, not unpredictably, to stand by the centres; Kent and Barrie Cortes, who played for the Probables and then for the England team in the trials. There was not a lot to choose between four hard goers and waking tacklers. Rent is the most determined and dangerous runner among them, Corless the most experienced (he now wiss a most experienced (he now whos a third cap, his second last season beving been acquired as a re-platence in Boack against Ire-land). French the most Ekely in struck and Boach, still an under 23 obsert, the most rate of the unincly ones,

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Kent (left) and Young: Among the newcomers in a hard, competent and beavering England XV.

University and played in four university matries, is the only London representative in the side. He playe these days for Rosslyn Park, atthough his bome club is Bridgwater. He is 23, stands 6ft 2in, weights 141st and should be guaranteed to make his uncomplicated presente felt. Cowling, a farm manager who moved clubs from Globcester to

moved clubs from Gloocester to Leicester three years ago, is 34, but not yet, by front row standards, in the aere and yellow. The selectors, seeing ment in a Leicester combination at booker and loose lead, lawe resisted any temptation to switch Cotton from tight head and, by bringing in Burson, to play lest seach's front row. Cowling, a thoroughly solid campaigner, has earned his cap, though Burton must be another of the principy ones. of the mainchy ones.

times since 1971, virtually assured himself of a tenth cap when he outplayed a subdued Wilkinson at the lineout in the first trial. Besumont made sure of his ninth with a boisterous all round effort in the final one, and Wheeler was always the front runner at booker. England will be hoping that Wheeler can find his old accuracy as a thrower-in. In that respect-admirtedly in foul conditions—he had two indifferent trials, whereas his rival, Raphael, had two good ones.

Though Caplan played well

had two good ones.

Though Caplan played well enough in both trials to be worthy of a place. Hignell had to be the first choice full-back. Hignell as goel kicker could now have the support, if needed, of Young's left boot from the appropriate side of the posts. Squires and Slemen were obvious selections on the wings although the last named, after a brilliant start to his season, has recently endured a poor

that he punches his weight, if that expression is permissible.

Nigel Horton, who has played for his country only a couple of times since 1971, virtually assured

All in all, it looks the sort of All in all, it looks the sort of

hard, competent and beavering combination that should appeal to Mr Jack Jones and might lead, after a victory or two, to an ex-pansion of output and produc-tivity. ENGLAND : A. J. Hignell (Cam-

ENGLAND: A. J. Hignell (Cambridge University); P. J. Squires (Harrogate), B. J. Corless (Moseley), C. P. Kent (Rosslyn Park), M. A. C. Slemen (Liverpool); M. J. Cooper (Moseley), M. J. Cooper (Moseley), M. Young (Gosforth); R. Cowling (Leicesner), P. J. Wheeler (Leicesrer), F. E. Cotton (Sale), W. B. Beaumont (Fylde), N. E. Horton (Moseley), P. J. Dixon (Gosforth), R. M. Uttley (Gosforth, (captain), M. Rafter (Bristol). Replacements: N. French (Wasps), A. G. B. Old (Sheffield). S. J. Smith (Sale), J. A. G. D. Raphael (Bactive Pangers), M. A. Burton (Gloucester), A. G. Ridley (Rosslyn Park).

Three new caps in as McLachlan goes out

By John Downie

The introduction of three new internationals and the omission of internationals and the omission of internationals are the main points of interest in Scotland's NV to play England at Twicken-ham on January 15.

The introduction of three new weeks after a violent exchange a good trial, especially in the line out. He is 25.

Brown was suspended for 12 against France B last season and a good trial, especially in the line out. He is 25.

R. Wilson (London Scottish), R. Wilson (London Scottish), the North and Midlands hooker, who has been suspended until the end of next season.

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R. Wilson (London Scottish), A. J. M. Lawson (London Scottish), a fairly small loose forward, by today's standards, at 6ft and 13 Midsen (Gosforth), A. B. Carling and the line of the l The newcomers are Airken, the Gala, South of Scotland, and Gala, South of Scotland, and Scotland B prop, who was reserve for all of last season's five internationals and played in the unofficial match against Japan in September, MacDonald the Oxford University and Scotland B No 8, and Brewster the Stewarts Melville and Ediphorph Tanker.

Atternational Conferences McLauchley

and Edisburgh Hanker.

Aithen replaces McLauchlan (Jordanhill), Scotland's captain to their past 18 internationals and a key player for the British Lioux on their winning tours of New Zealand in 1971 and South Africa in 1974. McLauchian, who will be \$5 in April 1979, seems to have 35 in April, now seems to have come to the end of his interna-tional career with 32 Scoutsh caps. McGeechen succeeds him as

McGeechen succeeds him as captain.

The other changes from last season's neam have been almost enforced. The switch of McBarg from No 8 th lock, the introduction of MacDonald and Brewster, and the return of Lander on the flank are traceable to the sendling off of Gordon Brown (West of Scotland), the Lious' lock in the Glasgow v North and Midlands match: at Mustayfield on Decembert 11 and injuries to two Hankers, Michael Biggar (London Scotland).

Biggar unissed the final trial because of a hamstring injury but played for his club's second XV on the same day and has had two club matches since then. In the first, against Edinburgh Wanderers on December 27, he was suffering from a severe stomach upset, but he is said to have played well at Gloucester or Sanuday. on Saturday. Leglie, who damaged his back

in Clasgow's match against the south of Scotland in October, has now been fit for five club matches, all of which have been cancelled because of the weather. Angus Stewart, Canadian born captain of Cambridge University, must be disappointed that he has must be disappointed that he has not filled one of the vacancies. He was promoted in place of Lauder at half time in the final trial, and scored a try for each side. But, with MacDossid and Brewster being blooded at full international level, the selectors have obviously felt it wise to play one seasoned loose forward, and Lauder has served them well in the next.

The 6ft 6in 15t stone Mac-Donald was born in South Africa but, with a name like Donald Shaw Mackinnon MacDonald, has

stone, but has shown excellent form for Edinburgh and gave a storming display in the final trial. His only previous national selec-tion was for a Scottish XV against the British Post Office. As is often the way with front row players. Aitken's first cap comes relatively late. He is 25. His development may also have been delayed because he played been delayed because he played for a minor club, Penicuick, until he joined Gola in 1972. He was first chosen by the South of Scotland in 1973, has played in four national trials, had two B internationals against France, and appeared in the Scottish XV against Japan this season. At 5ft 11in and 16 stone, he has an ideal build for a prop. He does not yet build for a prop. He does not yes manh McLaughlan's skill and judgment in the open, but is prob-ably more effective in ruck and

McLauchlan does not even travel McLauchian does not even travel as reserve, that role again going to Pender, the only uncapped replacement. Pender played against Japan but missed the trial, having fractured a hand in a motoring accident. He has not played since. but has perer stopped training.

The term is:

A. R. Irvine (Herior's FP); Shaw Mackinnon MacDonald, has A. R. Irvine (Heriot's FP); Harlequing no need to establish his Scottish W. C. C. Steele (London Scottish), hanned for lineage. He had a fine match I. R. McGeechan (Headingley) of rugby.

richael (West of Scotland), A. J.
Tomes (Hawick), A. F. McHarg
(Lordon Scottish). W. Lauder
(Nesth), D. S. M. MacDonald (Oxford University), A. K. Brewster
(Stewart's Melville FP). Replacements: B. H. Hay (Boroughmuir),
J. M. Renwick (Hawick), D. W.
Morgan (Stewart's Melville FP),
N. E. K. Pender (Hawick), W. S.
Watson (Boroughmuir). Terry Claxton, the Harlequins prop forward, has been banned from all rugby for the rest of

the current season. Claxton, currently serving a 14-week suspension for being sent off during the Middlesex game against Eastern Counties on October 27, was given a further four months' suspension by the Middlesex dis-ciplinary committee in London last night for playing in a game between two public houses at Twickenham on November 28. That unofficial match took place 13 days after Middlesex originally barned him from playing until

The Middlesex secretary, Michael Christie, issued a state-mear on behalf of his county com-mittee which left Claxton and Harlequins in no doubt that he is banned for playing in all forms of peaks.

January 29.

Win against Gorman helps | Argentines put forward Lewis's gamble pay off

Melbourae, January 4.—Richard
Lewis, of England, bear Tom. Gorman, the tenth seed, 6—4, 6—3, and the but have now made three family singles at the Anstralian open tennis championships at money to make the trip worth wolle."

Melbourae, January 4.—Richard
"When I came here I was not sure whether I could get into the draw but have now made three in a row and have been lucky enough to pick up sufficient money to make the trip worth while." Kooyong today.

Lewis, who was 22 last mouth, overpowered the American with his service and fine first volleying. He also displayed good ground strokes, which he used to advantage to pass Gorman, who attacked Lewis's second service each time he failed with his first each time he failed with his hish Gorman, who could not get into the match after Lewis began attacking, said afterwards: "I could not afford to let him get on top. Once you let a player of that class get his game going he gains in confidence and starts pure

money to make the trip worth while."

MEN'S SINGLES: Second round: Alreader best U. Marter (W. Germany). 5-2, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5; G. Viles! (Asyenthat) best N. Saciano (US), 6-1, 6-4, 6-4; C. Pasardi (US) boat S. Dochery (Asistalia). 7-5, 7-6, 7-6; R. Tanner (US) boat S. Dochery (Asistalia). 6-2, 6-1; R. Stockton (US), best G. Fangutt (Australia). 6-2, 6-3; R. Caso (Australia) best W. Lloyd (Australia). 6-3, 6-1, 6-3; M. Caso (Australia) best W. Lloyd (Australia). 4-6, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M. Caso (Australia). 6-3, 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; M. Caso (Australia). 6-3, 6-3; M. Crealy (Australia). 6-4, 6-6, 6-5; M. Marzalia (Mally). 6-2, 6-5; M. Marza gains in confidence and starts outing you on the defensive."
Lewis is—now assured of taking
home at least about £1,400 from
this event, in addition to his winnings in Sydney, where he was
beaten by John Alexander, and
in Perth, where he lost in the
quarter final round.
Lewis said today that he had
taken a gamble in coming to
Australia this year, at no English
team came.

Paton makes a successful return after illness

Andrew Paton, of Liverpool, from tennis for a while as he has vesterday made a successful, if started medical studies at Bristol laborious, reman to competitive University, will clearly be hard tennis following a severe bout of pressed to hand on to his title, glandular fever which kept him. Transfer best by Chambers 6—2, was few almost of months. glangular fever which kept and out for almost six months.

In the British junior cavered court championships, sponsored by Green Shield, at Queen's Club, he won 7—5, 6—4, as he started out on his defence of the boys' styries side seamst Jeremy simples title against Jeremy

"It was not so much of an ordes! as I thought it might be ". he said afterwards; " though I was not as fast around the court as I need to be ".

Motor racing

race by 90 minutes

Buenos Aires, Jan 4.—Local organizers of the Argentine Grand Prix bowed to European pressure start of Sunday's races by an hour and a half. The change will allow European followers to wair the race on television and read the results in morning newspapers. The race, which inaugurates the 1977 formula one season and coupts 1977 formula one season and courts for points toward the world driving championship, was originally scheduled to begin at 10.20 pm GMT, But yesterday Bernie Ecciestone, the president of the Association of Formula One Constructors, asked that the race should beein at 9.0 pm. tors, asked that begin at 9.0 pm.

Strict security measures at the airport here prevented reporters and photographers from watching the arrival of the formula one vehicles aboard a chartered aircraft yesterday; nor did police allow lengthy interviews with drivers.

The world champion, James Hunt, of Great Eritain, and the 1975 champion, Niki Lauda, of Austria, will be driving models they used last season. Hent is with the McLaren team and Lauda with Ferrari. Lauda, his face deeply scarred in a near-latel crash last season in Gormany, teld re-porters that he was mentally and physically ready to try to regain Sweden's Ronnie Peterson, who

since 1970. left the March team and will appear in a six-wheeled Istre!!. "I want to win the title". he told reporters. "but I am not sufficiently adapted to the new vehicle, and I don't have nuch time to practise with it before the race on Sunday."

Switzeriand's Clay Regazzoni, the left Ferrari last season after a dispute with the designer. Enzo Ferrari, is driving for Ensign. Perrari, is driving for Ensign. John Watson, of Ireland, who wen his first grand priv last year, will appear in a Martini-Brabham as aill his team colleague, Carlos Pace, of Brazil.
Carlos Reutemonn, an Argen-

the picked by Ferarri to team with Lauda this season, also will appear in a new car after having left a Brabham, which he claimed was not competitive. He has been practising for months at the Ferarrick in Laurent word to the competitive of t teri track in Italy to get used to

his car.
The South African, Jody
Scheckter, will drive a Wolf-Ford,
ofter having left Tyrrell; his
brother, Ian, will be driving a March, as will his team colleague, the newcomer, Alex Diaz. of

Italy's Renzo Zorzi and Austra-lia's Larry Perkins will be in a Sizdow and ERM respectively. Brazil's Emerson Fittipaldi, the 1974 world champion, will again be at the wheel of a Copersucar, although he has not had much luck has won eight grand prix reces cent season.—Associated Press.

Athletics

Miss Erhardt retires

East Berlin, Jan 4.—Annelie the injury at a meeting in Dresden Erhardt, East Germany's 1972 last May. She went to Montreal Observer Cold medal science and for the 1976 Olympic Games but Olympic Gold medal winner and world record bolder for the women's 100 metres burdies, has retired from active sport because of a back injury, the East German record of 12.3 the gold met Olympics mor The 26-year-old athlete received

failed to qualify facures hardles final. for the 100 Miss Erhardt, who was also European champion, set the world record of 12.59sec when winning the gold medal at the Munich Olympics more than four years

Football

Second dark | Fine weekend would cloud on Best's horizon

By Norman Fox Football Correspondent

George Best has become the central character in two disagreements with footheld authority. Aiready the subject of his club's refusal to give the Football League securance that he will not return to the United States before the end of the season, he is now being charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute.

Association with oranging the game into disrepute.

Vesterday the FA sumounced that Best's charge came as a result of making gestures to the referee of Fulliam's away match with Chelsea at Stamford Bridge on Boxing Day. The incident was alleged to have occurved as the players were leaving the field.

The referee, John Homewood, took Best's mame but Best says he will appeal. Should be fail, his disciolinary points will reach 20 and he will be liable to a suspension. There is no charce of challenging the referee's night to act as he did, even though the match was over. FA rules cover misconduct off the field of play.

When the time comes for an appeal, Best's argument is likely to be based, not on a denial of what many people saw, but on the conduct of the referee during the game. Best alleges that Mr Homewood's remarks to the players in a turbulent match "brought the game into disrepute" more than anything,
Fullham's new chairman, Goy

nothing.
Fulbam's new chairman, Gay

Fulham's new chairman, Gay Libby, said yesterday there were many other aspects of the game to be considered by the FA. The hearing may not be arranged hefore next month, by which time Fulham should know the outcome of their refusal to assure the League that Best will remain with them until they complete their current season.

them until mey compare mear current season.

Best and Fulham are beset by problems, Best has injured both of his ankles and is doubtful for Saturday's FA Cup third round tie against Swindon Town at Craven Cottage and Rodney Marsh has only recently resumed training after injuries. Three of their goal-keepers—Mellor, Peyton and Teale—ere injured and a 17-year-old apprentice, Perry Digweed, may have to play again.

Bullevant, Evanson and Curbush are: also receiving treatment.

arc' also receiving treatment. Fulham, drifting further down the second division, are left with only one consolation—that their gamble with Best and Marsh has led to an increase of 42,452 spectators over last season.

Len Ashurst, Sheffield Wednesday's manager, completed the signing of Dennis Leman from Manchester City for £9.000 vesterday. He hopes to sign David Rushbury, of West Bromwich Albion in time to play him against Brighton at Hillsborough on Saturday. The clabs have agreed a fee of £20,000.

Football fixtures SCOTTISH LEAGUE : Promis

Boxing

Solomons hopes to stage Conteh bout

Jack Solomons, the London pro-moter, hopes to stage John Conten's world light heavyweight championship title defence against 30-year-old Miguel Cuello, of Argentina, later this year. He said yesterday: "Negotiations between John Conteh and his brother Tony have gone well and I am boopeful of being able to stage the fight. It will be in England but the venue and date have yet to be decided." Negotiations are expected to be finalized on Friday, the deadline given by the World Boxing Council. Last month another Lendon promoter. Mike Barrett, bad his offer of staging the bout rejected by Conteh. 30-year-old Miguel Cuello, of

England make second change for Leeds

England have made a second change in their team to meet Wales in the European Rughy League triangular tournament at Leeds on January 29. Lowe (Hull Kingston Rovers) the second row forward has withdrawn from the team because an elbow injury has prevented him training and Grayshon (Dewsbury) will take his place.

Squash rackets BATH CLUB TROPHY: Second round: Gresham's best vill His 3—0; Farborough best Runby 3—0; Sight Starborough best Salvern 3—0; Harrow best Simple Sight Starborough Best Sight Si

Ice hockey

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Montreal Canadiens 6, Philadelphia Figers 4.

Four leading Britons miss

Alpine championships From Elizabeth Hussey Val d'Isère, Jan 4

Each year arguments rage as to when the British Alpine ski cham-pionships should take place. The best racers often have to be at international events in boliday time but if—as in Alpine countries
—the meeting is timed for
term time it will exclude all
students and leave only the circuit

England will be represented by David Cargill, Quenda Sutton, Russell White and Lucy Holmes, though they could have competed equally well for Canada, Switzerland or Ireland, For Wales, Ivan Jones is an indisputable choice and Roland Raikes, David Morris and Canada Rolling all have strong Even the holidays are difficult. for hotels are full and ski resorts and Cuspar Mylius all have stron Welsh connexions. cannot keep courses clear over the peak tourist period of Christmas, new year and Easter. On Thursday the championship downhill will be run down the OK course from just below the Collombin bump to the bottom at La Daille and the slalom will follow on Friday. The snow cover this wear is excellent and the As often before, the 1977 cham pionships will take place here in this first week of January. although at the cost of four lead-ing British team members. Kourad Barrelski, Alan Stewart, Valentina lifte and Fiona Easdale are all this year is excellent and the training has been done in alternate sunshine and cloud.

at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, trying out the new tourses which will be used for the world champion Fuchs is in a curious position for he has little to win with Bartelski and Stewart at Garmisch and Stuart Fitzsimmons injured; be used for the world champion ships next year.
Tomorrow a home international giant statom will be held, with teams of four racers each from Eutland. Scotland and Wales There were some problems in deciding who belongs to which nation. Peter Fuchs, for example, has an Austrian father, an English and Stuart Presiminous injured; yet he might be said to have every excuse for losing as some scar dissue after a tendon operation still troubles him. But he is applying himself seriously to training and proving an inspiration to the

help clear backlog

The Football League are auxious that the weather should relent for this Saturday's 32 FA

anxious that the weather should releat for this Saturday's 22 FA. Cup third round ties. A League spokesman said yesterday: "If conditions are not too bad this weekend and there are not too many replays, then we are fairly confident that the backlog of fixtures can be worked in without having to extend the season."

With postponed games already running well into three figures, the League are making great efforts to ensure that all matches are cleared up before the home international championship begins on the first Saturday in June. But, with so many fixtures yet to be arranged, the League may not be able to prevent Don Revie, the England manager, losing players for the international against Netherlands at Wembley on Wednesday, February 9.

At the moment the date is clear of first and second division games, but clubs could well be forced to play that week to make certain there is no interference later in the season with more important international commitments. These include World Cup games involving England, Wales and the Republic of Ireland in March, as well as England's summer tour of South America in mid-June.

The postponement of yesterday's reserve game between Queen's Park Rangers and Bristol Rovers at Lofus Road delays the comeback of Gerry Francis, the Rangers and England captain. Francis has not played this season because of a back injury which has now responded to treatment and he is making encouraging progress towards full fitness.

Trevor Cherry is doubtful for Leeds United's FA Cup third round the against Norwich City at Elland Road on Saturday. While the other players took a day off

Found the against Norwich City at Elland Road on Saturday. While the other players took a day off Cherry attended the ground for treatment on a calf injury sustained against Arsenal on Monday. Cherry said: "It's very sore and at this stage I must regard myself as doubtful for Saturday. but I am hoping for the best." Cherry, the Leeds captain, has not missed a game this season.

Manchester United's injured players, Pearson and Coppell, both had treatment yesterday. Coppell missed Monday's game against Ipswich with a hamstring injury, and Pearson was substituted because of a leg injury after scoring his fourth goal in the last three games. Both are expected to be fit for Saturday's third round FA Cup tie with Walsall at Old Trafford.

Smith keeps his head as others lose their balance

By Norman Creek

AFA Schools 2 FA Youth 4

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This amount fixture is now recognized by the Football Association as an area risk in the building of their England Youth team. The Barclays Bank sports ground at Hanger Lane was frozen but playable, and the young professionals and schoolboys gave a creditable performance.

White was soon prominent for his ball control on the slippery surface for the FA and Fillery made two openings for the schoolboys. After 20 minutes Ford's long speculative shot caught Fryon the edge of his good area to give the schoolboys the lead.

Manghan saved twice when the FA attacked strongly and he was one of the few players able to keep his feet. Gale made a five ron after a strong tackle and his cleverly delayed pass enabled Johnson to equalize just before balf time.

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ball time.

Ten minutes after the interval the Youth XI took the lead after a move between Fenwick. Hughes, Johnson and Smith, Johnson's beader being nodded into the net from close range by Smith. In another Youth smack Levy, who

lan Scanion, the Notts County striker, failed to report for training yesterday and faces severe disciplinary measures from the club. He staged a personal protest after being dropped for the first time in his career with the club at Carlisle on Monday. He asked Ronald Fenton, the club manager, if he could leave

Maughen, had to make three diving saves in succession as the FA began to exert pressure. History dribbled and shot well on two occasions but was foiled by the agile Levy.

Both sides were beginning to master the conditions, but it was against the run of the play when the schoolboys equalized. Wajicbl.

a schoolboy international, made a brilliant individual run, bearing three defenders and finishing up wish the ball, blunself and the goalkeeper all in the net together. In the dying minutes, Smith scored two more goals after further clever play by Hillaire. play by Hilaire.

F.A. YOUTH: D. Fry (Crystal Palace): D. Tyler (Argenal), M. Nuriton (Choisee) N. Parkhaom i inswich Town), W. Chier (Crystal Palace), A Gode (Folham) E. White (Lefeester City), D. Smith (Lefeester City), D. Smith (Lefeester City), D. Smith (Folkas), Huebes (City), G. Johnson (Choise), Feywick (Crystal Palace), T. Himre (Crystal Palace), Referee: D. Palmer (AFA).

Dropped striker stages walkout

the ground at half-time and, when the ground at half-time and, when permission was refused, he went back to Scotland. "I have not heard from Ian", Mr Fenton said. "Obviously we are taking this very seriously, and when he comes back he will be dealt with. He could be suspended, although no decision will be taken until he does come back."

Wimbledon call on old friend to help

Allen Batsford, the Wimbledon manager, has turned to an old friend and colleague for help in preparing the Southern League side for Saturday's clash with Jackie Charlton's Middlesbrough at Plough Lane in the third round of the FA Cup. He is Vince Craven, a former assistant to Mr Batsford at Walton and Hersham when they took the Surrey Club to their 1973 Amateur Cup success and FA Cup win against Brian Clough's Brighton the following season.

lowing season.

Now coach at Kingstoman,
Craven was released to watch
Middlesbrough's game at Everton
last week and has submitted a
full report to the Wimbledon

full report to the Wimbledon manager.

Thorough as ever, Mr Batsford has taken his team to warth a video tape recording of Midd. diesbrough's recent game against Bristol City, which was a BBC "Match of the Day". "This was very valuable". Mr Batsford said. "We were able to stop the taps and rerun it as we wanted and I am sure we have learned quite a bit."

Wimbledon have stepped up

Wimbledon have stepped up training to four nights a week in preparation for this match and have all their party fit. The club have all their party fit. The club are rather disappointed at public response. The match is not going well locally. "All the seart have been sold". Adrian Cook, the secretary, said. "but the demand for the terraces has been disappointing. I anticipate a crowd of just under 11,000 tustead of the 15,000 which we could get in." Tickets are on sale at Plough Lane every evening from 7.0 this week and will also be on sale at the turnstiles on Saturday morning. Middlesbrough yesterday informed Mr Cook that they would be returning 2,400 of their would be returning 2,400 of their 3,500 allocation for the match;

Signation and sappointed would be an understatement, the Wimbledon secretary said.

Lord Peart, Leader of the House of Lords and a Wimbledon resident, will take a trip down Memory Lane with his first visit. to Plough Lane on Saturday. A lifelong football follower, he re-calls: "My father came from Middlesbrough and the first league Autorisorough and the first league game I saw as a child was at Ayresome Park on Boxing Day when Manchester City were the visitors." Lord Peart played centre half for Durham University and was also on Durham City's

Joe Brown, the Burnley man-ager, whose second division side-have gone eight matches without a win, was yesterday given a vote! a win, was yesterday given a vote of confidence by the Turf Moor of confidence by the Turf Moor board of directors.

Bob Lord, the chairman, said:

"We know what the fans are saying. They are expecting Joe Brown's head to roll because we have hit a sticky patch. But the board of directors are giving him, a vote of confidence, we are not making him the scapegoat."

Brown was appointed manager in succession to Jimmy Adamson'a year ago, since when Burnley have been relegated from the first division and are currently in Jeep trouble in the second, three places from the bottom.

Why McMenemy's men are worth a wager against the odds

Southampton can steal stage again

After Southampton had won the FA Cup by bearing the effervescent young Manchester United team at Wembley last year, their manager. Lawrie McMenemy, hardly gave the celebration cavalcade time to stop before warning his players about the dangers ahead. As a Geordie, he recalled that in 1973 Sunderland had even more surprisingly beaten Leeds United, but defied all predictions and were not promoted to the first division until the end of last season.

mother and was born in England but no one would have expected him to race for anywhere but Scot-land. With him in that team are Alan Lobozzo, Garek Begg and Hazel Hutcheon.

to their potential on only the most illustrious stages. Osgood is the link in the character assessment link in the character assessment; still a reluctant "grafter" in ordinary League games, still unreliable, vet capable of forcing forgiveness with the occasional stupendous display. This was so in the European Cup Winners' Cup defeat of Olympique Marsellie early in September when Southampton were second to last in the second division. McMenemy distrusted the praise

and were not promoted to the first division until the end of last senson.

The warnings came in McMenemy's usual colourful trappings. He told the players that if, metaphorically, they strutted around with their medals around their necks they would be strangled by their own conceit. It would he said, be twice as difficult to win promotion with everyone else wanting to turn every match into a tilt at the Cup holders. So it has proved.

Southampton are far nearer relegation than promotion, although in recent weeks their results bare shown an improvement and with Alan Ball recently acquired from Arsenal, the future is not as gloomy. The imminent threat, however, is Saturday's home "FA Cup tie against Chelsea, a team of lively youngsters, who must feel confident of dismissing the holders at the point of entry, the third round.

Southampton have a lot in common with Chelsea quite apart from having that lazily elegant former idel of Sumford Bridge crowds. Peter Osgood. In the early seventles Chelsea won the FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup yet the League title was consistently beyond them and their highest first division placing was third. Like Southampton they could play

Soutnampton's post-Cup perint began promisingly. They played well in summer friendly games, bearing Manchester City and Rangers in Scotland and then losing by only 1-0 to Liverpool in the Charity Shield. Injuries soon made the bookmakers' odus on them being promoted look optimistic. Turner, the goalkeeper, Blyth, and Steele were all hurt, but it was loss of form and lack of determination that saw Osgood.
Glichrist, Steele and Stokes, all members of the Cup-winning side, temporarily put on the transfer list with McMenemy's proviso that he hoped, because all were good players, that none would leave Shock treatment had some effect. McMenemy is now faced with the problem of not overemphasizing the value of Cupvictory over Chelsea or the unlikely possibility of retaining the trophy. He admires Chelsea'stootball—they beat Southampton
3—1 at Stamford Bridge earlier* this season—and thinks there is a good comparison between them and Marchester United of last

He admits that Chelsea are the five admits that Unelses are the favourities because they have a fine blend of couth and experience, not only in the usual sense of the term but in youthful experience, mainly, of course, Wilkias. The impression is that Southampton would not weep over the firm the Cun, but early departure from the Cup, but that with a team of strange extremes of performance they might just surprise Chelsea and

Norman Fox

Latest European snow reports

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In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Great Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper slopes. following reports have been received from other sources:



Racing

Astor excellent Levy Board choice

A speech made in London yesterday at the annual general meeting of the Thoroughbred Breeders Association by Mr J. J. Astor was important for two reasons. It not only reflected the views of the president of the association, but also those of the man who is about to play at even more important role in racing.

even more important role in racing.
Recently, Mr Astor accepted an invitation to serve as one of the three nomines of the Jockey Club on the Horse Race Berning. Levy Board. When that vacancy, which was created by the ratirement of Captain John Macdonald Bucharam, occurred, Lord Howard de Walden, the semior steward of the Jockey Club would accept a representative from outside its own ranks provided he was chosen by a majority of the professional associations. Mr Astor was the popular choice.

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That may have come as a surpaise to sume simply because Mr Astor is also a member of the Jockey Club. The original idea was to get an outsider on the hoard. But it is recognized that Mr Astor is never been studd to speak his mend regardless of whether his fellow members agree with him. What really counted was his wealth of experience which should be extremely valuable.

As president of the TRA he

As president of the TRA, he as shown a great understanding has shown a great understanding of the problems of the sport-cumindustry and he was chairman of their sub-committee which submitted their case to the Royal Commission on gambling. Furthermore, as a former Member of Parliament and Minister, Mr Astor knows only to well how things work in higher places. These and other qualities made him an extremely good choice to serve on the Levy Board. it would be unrealistic to expect any immediate results. So it would be unrealistic to expect any immediate results. Meanwhile, it must be in the interests of all of us to try to make the existing structure work on the Levy Board.

Against that blackcloth it was

racing should be or a prescribed size which is large enough to accommodate the quantity and has incentives to cultivate the quality. That suggests some measure of control by the authorities, either through the creation of economic incomitives to encourage the market mechanism to work or by some form of Heensing, or both. It is unwise, Mr Astor insisted, to expect any Government to make more money available from sampling for a racing scene unless that scene can be controlled in size.

that scene can be controlled in size.

All the turf organizations have had the opportunity to put their views about the best structure for racing to the Royal Commission on Gambling, but in Mr Astor's opinion it is worth remembering that the last Royal Commission reported in 1951 and it was 10 years before there was any legislation which affected racing. So it would be unrealistic to expect

interesting to bear Mr Astor say yesterday that the root problems that we have to face remain the same. They are that so comparison with Eire, our breeders are at a great tax disadvantage and in contraction with Prance our owners are at a great prize money dispersion with Prance our owners are at a great prize money dispersion with Prance our owners are at a great prize money dispersion with Prance our owners are at a great prize money dispersion with Prance our owners are at a great prize money dispersion with Prance our owners that the endantes are not remain the racehorse. In that respect the additional money that has been expost of too large a proportion of our top animals, to the United States, in particular.

In Mr Astor's opinion there are four cornerstones on which British bloodstock breeding depends. The first is the establishment of a racing and breeding industry which is based on the public's desire to bet on racing and to view good racing. This racing should be of a prescribed size which is large enough to accommodate the quantity and has all support must be given to the stewards of the Jockey Club have gone a long way recently to respond to the legitimate hopes and aspirations of the various racing and breeding organizations.

The second foundation for breeders is to have a series of internationally accepted pattern races to indee the racehorse. In that respect the additional money that has been given to pattern races is most encouraging. The third cornerstone is the insistence that the best and the healthiest and soundest horses win races and that these winners are not running under the influence of medication, controlled or otherwise or under the influence of unnatural practices.

the influence of unnatural practices.

In this respect the first essential in Mr Astor's opinion—and he is far from alone on this count—is to ensure that the international rules of racing are synchronised. All support must be given to the British Jockey Club in any effort that they make to persuade our European colleagues to adopt our rules.

European colleagues to adopt our rules.

Mr Astor stressed that this was a real problem. It is a complicated matter and each country will want to mainful discretion about the penalties it imposes. The standard of analysis should be high and uniform, but the basic British rules seem to be the most straightforward and uncomptising and the best in the long run. The fourth cornerstone is the necessity to have a reliable method of identification of animals, and in this area it is possible that the work that is being done may prove the most satisfactory in the end.

Mr Astor said that there were some things wrong with our racing, but there was also a great deal that was right. He named our great assets as being a public which likes to gamble on racing and likes horses and a great expertise in all branches of the sport. Our country, he said, happens to be going through a very had time,

J. J. Astor : sees four cornerstones on which British bloodstock depends.

but it is not inconceivable that in a few years other European countries may be running into the same problems and our present position could be reversed and once again we could have the strongest bloodstock in Europe.

Meanwhille, during this difficult time we must do everydding possible to retain as many top fillies and mares as we can. Mr Astor was adamant that the retention of top females is vital. He ended his speech on a personal note by saying that he had had to resign as president of the Association because he had been asked to serve on the Levy Board. In that capacity you had to take an objective view about the demands of all the racing and breeding organizations and it would be inappropriate if he remained an officer priate if he remained an officer of one of the organizations involved.

Lanzarote waits on the weather under way

on the race and bet as follows:
5-1 Zeta's Son, Bankieu, 6-1 Money
Market, 8-1 Even Up, Top
Priority, 9-1 Barcaa. As Zeta's Son
blotted his copybook at Wetherby
on Boxing Day, and Bankieu once
again decided to race too late
when so narrowly defeated by
Irish Tony, at Nottingham, there
seems little value in these odds.

If the ground is heavy, Money
Market who fisished seventh behind Zeta's Son on good going in
the Hernessy Gold Cup could make
a bold extempt to repeat last
year's victory. Other good races
at Sandown are the £2,000 Tolworth Hurdle, where the Cheltenham winner, The Bo-Weevil will
carry top weight; a qualifying race
for the Panama Cigar Hurdle
Championship and the Express
Handicap Steeplechase, whose
seven acceptors include those fest
two-milers, Spanish Tan, Isle of
Mand and the much improved
Early Spring.

At Haydock Park, where the
clerk of the course, Pat Firth,
reports that racing should be certain provided the thaw continues,
the £6,000 Tote Northern Steeplechase has attracted a high-class
field. There are 20 scoeptors and By Michael Seely

There was no racing in Great
Britain yesterday, Ayr and Plumpton both having been abandoned,
and there will be none today, the
thaw having come too late to save
either Lingfield Park or Doncaster. Hopes are high, however,
that both courses will be back in
action tomorrow. John Hughes and
George Boon, the respective clerks
of the courses, amounced that
inspections would be held today.

Fred Winter announced vetter-Fred Winter announced yester-day that Lanzarote, whose first venture over English fences has

wice been postponed this week, as been declared for the Stand Vovices Steeplechase at Sandown Park on Saturday. If Lanzarote is to gain enough experience even to be considered as a possible con-tender for the Cheltenham Gold Cup, it is vital that his first appearance is not delayed too long with Cheltenham only 10 weeks would be disastrous from

It would be disastrous from every point of view if the important weekend meetings at Sandown and Haydock Park were to be lost. Both courses are staging first-class programmes. At Sandown the centrepiece of Saturday's card is the Anthony Mildmay, Peter Cazaler Memorial Handicap Steepiechase, with £4,000 added, run over three miles and five furnongs. The 17 acceptors at the four-day stage include last year's runaway winner, Money Market.

William Hill have opened a book

At Raydock Park, where the clerk of the course, Pat Firth, reports that racing should be certain provided the thaw continues, the £5,000 Tote Northern Steeple-chase has attracted a high-class field. There are 20 ecceptors and the sponsors make Broncho II and Shifting Gold their joint favourites at 8-1. They then go 9-1 Tamalin, 10-1 Canadus, Royster, Glamford Brigg and 12-1 What a Buck.

Although Broncho ren so well when chasing home Merrybear at Cattarick Bridge on Saturday, the

eight-year-old is not a certain runmer. The Dickinsons keep their
team fit during hard spells with
10-mile walks on the steep hills
eround Gisburn, but Broacho is a
special case. He suffers from "set
fast" which means that his kidneys fail to function properly and
that his hindquarters stiffen up
unless he is cantered regularly.
This has proved impossible
lately on the hard ground. On
Tuesday Tony Dickinson took his
string to gallop on the sands at
Morecombe, but the beach was
frozen so solid that when the
trainer tried to make a strip suitable to work on, with a tractor,
the discs failed to penetrate and
the ettempt had to be abandoned.
Usless Broacho can be given some
fast work tomorrow morning, he

fast work tomorrow morning, he will have to miss Saturday's race. will have to miss Saturday's race.

The best value at the advertised odds appear to be Canadius and Glanford Brigg. Canadius has a fine turn of foot which won him six races last season. Having only his second outing of the current campaign, Peter Easterby's eight-year-old ran by no means badly when fifth behind Royal Marshal II at Kempton Park on Boxing Day and should now be reaching his peak. That bold front runner, Glanford Brigg, has won both his races by wide margins this season and is clearly back to the form which has gained him 13 victories over fences. He cannot be conover fences. He cannot be con-sidered harshly treated with 11st

Rent-a-horse plan gets

Action Gill, a 43-year-old col-liery worker, will select his own racing colours this week to jobs the ranks of mechorse owners. He will be the official owner of a two-year-old filly by Tower Walk which he and 11 others are leasing from a German baroness, Shephanie Von Schildner. Supmante von Schriften.

The filly, trained by RH Essey at Makton, is in the new rent-e-house scheme, designed to give ordinary racing enthusiasts an active interest in a horse for 15 a week.

a week.

Mr Gill of Grimethorpe, Barniley, was a coalitate fitter for 16 years at Ferrymoor collidery, mar Barniley, before doctors ordered him to take a job above ground.

The resultations scheme, fostered by morthern trainers Bill Elsey, Pat Rohan, Snowy Webnwright and Jack Calvert, will insee 14 houses for 1977 with a professional arbaichteathon.

Mr Histor caid: "The whole idea fessional administration.

Mr Elsey said: "The whole idea is to give ordinary embusiasts like Aribur an indexest in a good house, and that is a very nice felly. The baroness has sent it to us to join our scheme and when its racing career is over, it will go back to her stud in Ireland."

STATE OF GOING (official): Don-caster: (10 am inspection), Taunion Soft (2.50 pm inspection).

Cricket

Test men in print upset the manager

Melbourne, Jan 4.—Colonel Shuja-ud-Din, manager of the conride pelicistan team, has asked the Australian Cricket Board of Countrol to stop their players from writing deally columns in newspapers during Test matches. Colonel Shuja chained during rodey's test day of the second Test here, that the Australian players were waging psychological warfare in the local press and that this gave them an unfair advantage.

He said trat if his modificial apposed to the Australian board was not successful he would con-sider speaking to the Paidstan cricket board about the matter. Among the Australians whose Among the Australians whose names appear on articles currently are the fast bowler Dennis Lailee, with a daily column in the Melbourne paper, The Sun Neus-Pictorial, and the captain Greg Chappell, who contributes to the national daily, The Australian.

By allowing Lailee and Chappell to write what they liked about the Pakistani team it created awkward relationships between Australia and his country, Colonel Shuja said. "Most of my team resent it", he said.

and his country, Colonel Shuja said. "Most of my team resent it?", he said.

One Paidstani player who did not agree with the manager was the captain, Mushtaq Mohammad, who writes an occasional article for the Melbourne newspaper, The Age. Mushtaq said he could not understand the marager's attinute and would speak to him about the matter.

When play resumes in the present match tomorrow, the continued excellence of the pitch might still save Paidstan, always harting another collapse against Liltee. Australia are in a commanding position, leading by 306 runs with nine second innings wickets in hand and two days remaining. The first Test in the three-march series was drawn.

Anstralia's batsmen are expected to attack from the start fumorrow to allow Chappell to make a functione declaration. This would allow the Australians a day and a half to bowl out the touring team. But the easy wicket, which shows listle sign of dependance, combined with the Pakistan batting talent, should give Pakistan some hope of saving the march.

Australia are bound to miss the hope of saving the match. hope of saving the march.

Australia are bound to miss the services of the injured Thomson throughout the series but Lillee's present form could be emough to meet Australia's needs on the final day. Lillee, heartened by the inuge roas of the crowd which arested his every ball, ripped through the heart of Pakistan's first humings yesterday by collecting five wickets for 30 runs in a seven-over soell. in a seven-over spell.

The pirch for the third Test in Sydney is likely to be more favourable to pace bowling and the Pakistanis will not relish the rhought of facing Lillee on such a wicket.

SCORES: Australia 517 for 8 doe 6. J. Coster 168. G. S. Chappell 121. 1. Turner 82. I. C. Devis 56: Kebal Dasim 4—1111 and 122 for 1 (R. B. McCoster 56 not out. I. C. Devis 58 not out): Paketan TX (Sadia Mohamman 103, Zaheer Abbas 90, Majid Kham TX D. K. Liller 6—52).—

Calcutta and Melbourne-poles apart

From John Woodcock Cricket Correspondent Calcutta, Jan 4

It is a nice point which Test match has made the more absorbing watching over the last three days—the one in Melbourne between Australia and Pakistan or the one here between lodia and England. The contrast could hardly have been greater. In Melbourne 972 runs bave been scored, at Eden Gardens only 440. In Mel-bourne, too, the boundaries are longer than in Calcusta and the outfield is sure to be slower. In spite of all the many fine strokes the Australians and the In spite of all the many and strokes the Australians and the Pakistanis have no doubt played, there will have been times when those watching them must have felt saied with runs. What has saved that match from becoming a bore has presumably been the spell of feat bowling with which Lillee suddenly destroyed the Pakistan innings. It may also have spared the Melbourne groundsman from being charged with making much too good a pitch.

At Eden Gardens the batamen have been permanently shackled. If the mutch has been tedfous it is because there have been too few strokes, not too many. If the groundsman is in trouble here it is for having made too bad a pitch, not too good a one. To put his staff to work with stiff brushes, in the 48 bours before the match began, to uproot the grass and thereby help the Indian spinners, was a brazen piece of collusion. Yet with every run having to be fometh for, it has been for anyone

Yet with every run having to be fought for, it has been for anyone closely involved, a gripping con-

keith Miller reckons that one Keith Miller reckons that one of the most fascinating days Test cricket he ever played in was at Karachi in 1956 when only 112 runs were made in the day. It was played on mating, on which Fazal Mahmood was such a brilliant exponent. Five wickets fell, four of them Australian and to reach 20, says Miller, was a major technical achievement. In Karachi Pakistan won, in Calcutta England should do, unless the slowness of the pitch prevents them.

slowness of the pitch prevents them.

This second Test match between England and India has likewise been a battle for survival. That England are having the better of it, after losing the toss in conditions prepared to suit the opposition, is greatly to their credit. Greig's performance yesterday in batting from morning fill evening with a temperature on him was heroic. Although he had to call again on the team's physiotherapist in the early hours of this morning, and has spent a good deal of today in bed, the captain says nothing will keep him off the field tomorrow. The way Tolchard adapted his game, once he found that his normally efferrescent way of playing was impracticable, was also admirable.

Because Greig was preoccupied with not getting out he missed a number of full half volleys that even on the most diabobical pitch must have been drivable. When playing the this even the full traces. must have been drivable. When playing like this even the full tosses escape. From the time, at the very start of his immings, he drove Chandrasekhar uppisally for four (the ball went at carching height between the bowler and mid-off) Greig abandoned the





Barrington (left) and Greig: Both manager and captain

yesterday made critical remarks about the pitch

stroke. In over six hours he never attempted another straight drive—an astomishing effort of self-denial, albeit an extravagant one. What a cricketer Greig is I The most fearless and effective inmings I have seen against truly fast bowling on a fiery pitch (including Brian Close's against West Indies at Lord's in 1963) was Greig's 110 against Thomson and Lillee at Brisbaue in 1974-75. Here yesterday, on a slow, turning pitch, against the best combination of spin bowlers in the world, Greig set himself to play an entirely different immings and pulled it off, with a chill to boor. I confess to being unamused by a lot of his dialogue with the crowds in India; but as a competitor to have on one's side, when the going is tough, there are few to match him.

If the pitch really is as bad as Greig and Ken Barrington, the manager, make it out to be "Von can't believe it's g Test In over six hours he if the pitch really is as bad as Greig and Ken Barrington, the manager, make it out to be ("You can't believe it's a Test wheket", says Barrington: "If they're all going to be like this there won't be another cover drive in the series", says Greig! England are bound to win. At that rate not even the slowness of the pitch can save India. Yesterday it was possible for the bassmen to play almost anything off the back foot. They could even adjust and readjust their stroke as they did so, which had to do, of course, with their losing only two wickets in the day. England's confidence hes in the hope that their faster bowlers will again be more effective than India's, and that Underwood, being faster than Bedi and Prasanna, will turn the ball that much more quickly. If England can extend their lead, which stands at the moment at 130, by another 50 runs, and be bowling at India by tomorrow afternoon, they should tecord what would be their first victory in

Seeing them try should make suffi-ciently good warring to make Calcutta as interesting a place to be as Melbourne, much as one looks forward to seeing the bat looks forward to seeing the bat put to the ball again. The discrepancy, incidentally, between the number of balls bowled at the two grounds in the current Test marches does no credit to the bowlers here. In roughly 90 minutes longer (they play six-hour days in Melbourne compared with five hours and a balf in Calcutta) Australian and Pakistan have so far bowled 219 balls more than England and India, in spite of Bedi, Prasanna and Chandrasekhar having bowled 135 overs between them.

SCORES: India 155 (R. G. D. Willis 5 for 27): England 285 for 6 (A. W. Groig 94 not out, R. W. Tolchard 67)4

Chittagong, Bangladesh, Jan 4.

The MCC cam beat Bangladesh
East Zone by an innings and 60
runs in a two-day match here
today, bowling the home side out
for a mere 74 in their second
innings.

innings.

MCC, overnight 106 for two, declared at 256 for six wickers, a first-innings lead of 134. Surrey's Michael Hooper had to have five stitches inserted after being hit in the mouth by a rising ball. But returned to he crease to make an unbeaten 58.

Plachand, the aformer Oxford University player, took six for 24 as he went through East Zone's second innings. His 16 overs included eightmaidens. The MCC bowlers finished off the match just 15 minutes from times as East Zone's batsmen collapsed.

SCORES: East Zone 162 (1) D. SCORES: East Zone 162 (J. D. Pischard 6-27): MC2 236 for 6 dec (J. M. Hoope 68 not eath, MC2 won by an innings and 60 runs.



Roy Jenkins Scaling the peaks in Europe

The President of the European Commission has entered his second manhood. During the weeks since he resigned as Home Secretary, Mr Roy Jensins has been cooped up in a featureless room in the Cabinet Office, with the thunder of Whishall treffic just outside Whitehall traffic just outside his ground floor window to speed his departure. Now the names of his 13 Commissioners have been announced, most of them of his own choosing, and he is ready to go:

"My wish is to build an effective united Europe. Now I've never sought absolutely to define exactly what I mean by this, but I've got an absolute clear sense of direction. I've never been frightened about the pace being too fast, I have been frightened about the pace being too slow. I do not think peng too slow. I do not think it's terribly useful to lay down blueprints as to whether one will be federal or confederal in the year 2000 and beyond. I want to move towards a more effectively organized Europe, politically and economically and as far as I am concerned I want to go faster, not slower." The glower which can cow slower minds is noticeably absent. He is buoyant, full of vigour and matter, a bigger man physically than one tends to recall, burly and broad-shouldered, with a massive head. Not your instant politi-cian, but a thinking man, who shifts back on one elbow in his chair in silent concentration before making his points with verve and charm—a social democrat of prime ministerial calibre. Has disillusionment

democrat of prime ministerial calibre. Has disillusionment taken him from us?

"Well, one could not possibly say that I was leaving politics because social democracy was dead and there was no future for it. That is not my mood, it is not my view at all. Indeed, I am not leaving British politics because of the state of British politics. I am leaving British politics because there is something else which I have been asked to do and which I want to do and which I want to do and which which I want to do and which I think is very well worthwhile

"Most of the leaders of the present government are not terribly far removed from my views in practical terms. In some ways, perhaps the way they express them, their style, their attitude to politics is somewhat different, but that is

true of all individuals.

"At the same time I shink that British politics as at present constituted do make it difficult for people who are essentially men of the centre—
I am a man of the left centre, but I've never pretended to be terribly far away from the centre of British politics. They do make life a bit difficult for the centre of a commission of the centre of the centr the centre to exercise the in-fluence, both the left and the right centre, which I believe it really is entitled to in view of the general state of public opinion. The gladiatorial nature of the House of Commons, with two sides lined up against each other, puts a premium on disagreement rather than upon agreement rather

than upon agreement.
"This is inclined on both "This is inclined on both sides to give a greater strength to the wings rather than to the centre. That is a distorting factor in British politics, particularly at a time when, without pulking punches, without pulking principles, without concealing houest disagreements, we do need, where we can to seek agreement rather can, to seek agreement rather than disagreement in British

politics.
"The fact of the matter is that there are appalling economic problems facing this country at the present time, not insoluble, I think, by any means, but greater than we've known for a generation, perhaps even longer than that All I've never his postions. Therefore the are insolubled in a number of different worlds. Therefore the are insolubled in a little to the last 20 years or retain a foothold in a number of different worlds. Therefore the post of the last 20 years or retain a foothold in a number of different worlds. Therefore the post of the last 20 years or retain a foothold in a number of different worlds. who are involved in politics, vast amount of time, when I on both sides, must beer some didn't have business to do, in the House of Commons. I into which we've got. I don't have gone there when I had think it's terribly useful, terribly relevant or terribly conribly relevant or terribly convincing just to engage in an endless game of tu quoque. You've got to think of something else better than 'It's your fault',—'No, it's not, it's your fault'. There's a sterility in this which is a danger to the country.

left, an extreme left, in the Labour Party. I've known it strong at times in the past. It was strong during the early fifties, though I think there is now more of an attempt hypatchy, but an attempt hyextremist organizations to infiltrate and work through the Labour Party at the present

Labour Party at the present time—the phrase is 'entryism'. It is something which is certainly there and which one certainly has to beware of.

"I also deeply deplore, though I have had no trouble of that sort myself I can happy to say, the attempt which one sees going on throughout the country, at Newham, Hayes and Harlington and a few other Harlington and a few other constituencies, to get rid of MPs because of their political views. I am obsolutely sure that if this is allowed to spread it will produce an improved by the strength of the produce and the spread to spread the strength of the mensely less broad-based Labour Party and also a fer less representative House of Commons."



were the voting figures in the Labour Party leadership election in the spring? "They weren't really a shock to me at weren't really a shock to me at all, not a great shock at any race. On the evening before the first round of results were announced, I wrote down what I thought would be the figures which all the candidates would receive. I got most of them fairly accurately. I think the higgest error I got was about eight, something like that, in one person's figures. The error in my own figures was four, I think I wrote down 61 or maybe 62. It's perfectly true that people who had been working most closely with me had had rather more optimistic estimates a week or so before, estimates a week or so before, somewhere in the 70s and some of them up to the low 80s. I had always been scepti-

"I had pursued a fairly independent line in Labour Party politics. In a key divi-sion in 1971 I had voted with a substantial number of other people, 68 of them, in fevour of British entry into the Common Market. I'd resigned the deputy leadership of the party because I thought it in-cressingly difficult to maintain those responsibilities in a party whose line I disagreed with on what was the major issue of the day.

Europe's gain is our loss. He permeins the one major of the lay.

standing quality in British political life who has now seemingly forfeited the up job. His credentials would be little strong, but it would have been very seem impeccable—son of a seem impeccable son of a near to that.
Welsh miner who became a "Now look collected milistones round his neck—a reputation for aloof-ness, an alleged preference for the intellectual life and Estab-lishment company, the nine elegant and successful books.

Is there some part of G. K. Chesterton's Man. Who was Thursday in him—a break with his social origins? Is he happier in an ivory tower than in a pub? "Ob, I like pubs very much.

I often go into pubs, but that
doesn't really go to the root of
the question, I don't like ivory towers in so far as I have a picture of an ivory tower. I am

an extremely gregarious person for one thing—I hate having a meel alone.

"I think I am neither particularly good nor outstandingly bad at what one may call the glad-handing and back-slapping of ordinary politics. I've glad-banding and back-slapping of ordinary politics. I've always liked doing a lot of things outside politics, certainly for the last 20 years or so. I have always wanted to retain a foothold in a number of different worlds. Therefore have gone there when I had

to speak, when I had to
vote, occasionally when I
haven't had to do either. It
wasn't so much that I wasn't in
the tearoom—I've certainly
been there—but I probably

smooth and very happy relationship with my constituency, the common agricultural policy, we've got the common agricultural policy, we've got certain: will his new post enable the forms of integration and him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded hopes of the founding fathers a special feeling for me. I feel in a sense more of a wrench at leaving that than I do about leaving the House of Commons.

"I would put the same dilemma in a slightly different context by saying that while leaving the House of Commons.

"On balance I have enormously enjoyed my quite long period in British politics, I despected wanted to get into the House of Commons. To some of Commons. To some the common agricultural policy, we've got certain: will his new post enable him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume his literary activities? "I've never succeeded him to resume h

How much of a shock to him | extent it was a natural family thing for me to do. My father had been a member of Parliament, I had always been deeply interested in politics, deeply involved in politics as an undergraduate at Oxford Looking back I think perhaps too involved. It might have been better to have done a wider range of other things. I inflicted wounds of the member of state of power and influence in the world which it had imposed upon itself by two European civil wars, great self-inflicted wounds. I don't in the least regret the long period which I have spent there. I've got a great deal of happiness and satisfaction out

> "It doesn't mean one hasn't elso gone through a period of dismay and frustration during the long period which I spent as a backbencher, mostly in Opposition, but as a back-bencher all the time. I had never got on the front bench before i became a minister in 1964, when I had been in the House of Commons for 16 years, which is now regarded as a long period.

"I once thought previously of leaving politics, as is well known, which was in 1963, when I was very tempted by a tentative offer that I should become the editor of The Economist. I thought about it and came to a pretty decisive conclusion, no, I didn't went to leave politics. Looking back, I think is would have been a great mistake for me had I dene so at that stage, because in a sense the 15 years I had already spent in the House of

Now, looking back on nearly close associate of Clement Att-lee, grammar school, first-class honours at Balliol, a political animal from his early years. Yet in the Labour Party he having heen a wasted period. I certainly don't regard it as having been a wasted period. I don't in the least regret having done it and I wouldn't wish to have devoted my life in different directions.

> "On the other hand I have been absolutely clear in my mind for a substantial number of months back that the right thing for me to do in present circumstances is to accept the Presidency of the European Commission. It certainly is the

years. There's a chance of it being much the most worthwhile thing which I can do. It will be the most difficult thing I have ever tried to do, more difficult even than being Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1967 to 1970. At that time I didn't think anything much could be more difficult."

The European Community is in temporary disarray. The differing economic performance in the member states is causing strain. The main achievements are the customs union and it is of course inevitable.

ments are the customs union and it is of course inevitable and the increasingly controversial common agricultural policy. Its administration and its progress are still largely determined on a national basis by the Council of Ministers. If I hope that the Commission is the commission of the member states of the member states are the member states of the present stage that materials are the present stage that materials are the present stage that materials are the council of the present stage that materials are the present stage tha

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wider range of other things. I inflicted wounds of the past got into the House of Commons at the age of 27 and I don't in the least regret the long period which I have spent fear in the stomach, was fear in the stomach, was diminished substantially from at my rate the early sixties on-wards, partly owing to the success of integrationist poli-cies, which included Nato of course, though that is not a purely European concern during the preceding period.

"However, during the sixties and early seventies, the Euro-pean ship, having been launched in these circumstances, was then floated along with rather benign breezes of rapidly growing and easy pros-perity. It varied between different countries, some did bet-ter than others, but broadly speaking prosperity was grow-ing during this period at a rate at which it had hardly ever grown before anywhere in the history of the world. Not only Europe, though Europe had an outstanding performance, it was also growing throughout the developed world.

"Then that climete changed described we can into the

dramatically, we ran into the extremely rough water of ram-pant inflation, of adverse terms of trade, through the oil price increase and other changes against the European countries, of balence of payments deficits, higher levels of known throughout the whole of the postwar period. Europe has held itself together, it hasn't split apart, but it hasn't made much advance under these new challenges and what we have to find at the present time is a method by which it can advance in these more dif-ficult circumstances.

"I'm quite clear that the direct response to these new problems is not to stand still, still less to go back, though there is a danger of going back. There is greater divergence in the performance of the different economies within the Community, expressing itself most dramatically in the most difficult thing which I great changes in exchange can possibly do in the next few years. There's a chance of it being much the most worth while thing which I can do. It will be the most difficult thing rates symbolize and the performance.

"I can't pretend that i have ever positively liked some aspects of electioneering. As a matter of fact, I never like making speeches. I sometimes like having made a speech if it has gone well. I sometimes hate having made a speech if it has gone badly. So far as going up to people one doesn't know in public, I do it, I honestly don't think I do it too badly, but it always requires an effort on my part, perhaps a certain sort of shyness, but I don't think I have ever had any problem about getting on with people in my constitutions of Europe, you can say what we've done has to say what we've done has been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-been worth while, but we can't possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-stantial indeed. The Commission in many ways has done a very good job and most of the any peaks beyond it. Well, criticisms directed at it are that's not possible in my view it would not be desirable, but it has some faults, but a lot of even if it were desirable it is the ideas, particularly the not possible because Europe is deas of a vast inflated not shaped in that way. Unless, we can go forward we will go rather small. In some cases it operates rather rigidly, but it's diamatically, not at a very difficult enough to operate an organization on a national scale, to operate one on a multiple not possible in my constitution of Europe, you can say the possible in my possible in my constitution of Europe, you can say the possible in my possible in my constitution of Europe, you can say the possibly can its duties under the Treaty which are very sub-wery good job and most of the very

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Walton's most popular works are for larger forces than the Purcell Room accommodates: t was good to be reminded of his chamber music on this occasion, from the early Sitwell songs (two of them better known in the context of Façade) to the A minor string quartet just after the Second World War, the violin sonata for Menuhin and Kentner (a compact, eloquent and durable piece),

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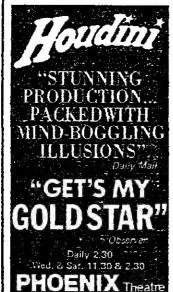
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and the song-cycle For the Lord Mayor's Table designed in 1962 for Schwarzkopf and a City of London Festival. Ill humour, or over-exposure, has sometimes driven people to complain of Walton's small musical vocabulary; the quarter and sonata, heard in proximity, do not dispel the charge, but their music is distinctive nevertheless, and with the vocal works for contrast one could appreciate the diversity of Walton's achievement within restricted limits. How spirited and continually fresh is A Song for the Lord Mayor's Table (actually six songs), free from manuerisms yet characteristic, the jolly

poems rendered more appreciable by their fluent but scrupulous musical setting. They brought Schwarzkopf's artistry to mind even though Maria Moll, who sang them, has a soprano voice quite unlike hers, and a temperament of her own, and though Miss Moll sang them to less than com-plete admiration, with slipshod intonation and note-values, and a tendency to spread her tone a tendency to spread her tone under pressure. Her voice is artractive, as she showed here and there, and more cogently in the Sitwell songs where her pianist, Charles Spencer, like her conquered nerves and evinced a likable interpretative

The evening's other planist, Kathryn Stott, who partnered Beverley Davison in the violin sonata, made the strongest im-pression of all, a clean, forth-right technique and articulation of exceptional potency. Appropriately, both partners were trained in Menuhin's Stoke D'Abernon school; the musical haute couture was in evidence though Miss Davison, with all her style and fine tone, re-mained apparently uninvolved.

in her music.

When the A minor string quartet began, I had grave doubts about the Coull Quartet, so shallow was their corporate sonority, hard and brittle, not out-of-tune but tonally colour-less. No doubt they were nervous, like everybody else on the platform. Their ensemble was faultless, and in the slow movement (wings in Wellers) movement (unique in Walton's output) they allowed sonority to make itself felt, but they were most telling in the Scherzo and the crackling finale. On Sunday the third of

Camerata Lysy's five well planned programmes was effectively a plano-duo recital for Hephzibah and Jeremy Menuhin. In duets at one plano, by Mozarr and Schubert, Aunt Hephzibah rook secondo all too discreetly, perhaps on proposed to the plant of the pl discreetly, perhaps to promote the forthright, spirited playing

Daniel Barenboim Albert Hali

Max Harrison Piano recitals are relatively

recitals are relatively quiet events, or at least appear so when given in large halls, and, on Sunday's evidence, one may doubt if it is altogether wise to offer an all-Chopin programme at the Albert Hall during winter. Although this plush venue was by no means full, there always seemed to be somebody somewhere, who was coughing. Through it all, however, Daniel Barenboim could be heard making an excellent start on the Fantasy Op 49. Alas, if the opening pages were sensitively balanced as to tone and phrasing, there was care-lessness in later and faster pussages, and this may have been induced by the need to carry the music to the farthest corners of that vast auditorium. Certainly we at the end were left with little sense of the cumulative shape of one of Chopin's most striking formal achievements.

Though a piece of quite different character, the Nocturne Op. 27. No 2, while impressively fluent, conveyed a similar impression of going in no particular direction but simply continuing until it stopped. Chopin's Sonata Op. 35 makes for more complex. stopped. Chopin's Sonata Op. 35 makes far more complex demands both musically and intellectually, of course, and, after a perfunctory, even hurried, exposition, Mr Barenboim gave an interesting and thoughtful account of the first movement's development secmovement's development section, this being the most engaging moment of the recital. He also responded well to the lyricism of the Trios of the cherzo and the Funeral March,

played with considerable technical address. Rather like the Fantasy which opened the programme, the Ballade Op. 23 which started the second half had a beautiful beginning whose effect was cancelled later on by an all-too-evident need for both more speed and less haste. The D flat Prelude, one of a group of half a dozen from Op. 28, again re-minded us of how perceptively Mr Barenboim can play the

piano, but its companion pieces

although the main bodies of both of these movements were

innocent of subtlety even if

sounded merely facile. This impression was in turn obliterated by a really lovely reading of Chopin's Waltz, Op. 34, No 2, full of expressive nuances. There was no escaping the fact, however, that this overall was an extremely un-even recital in terms both of performance and, more especially, of interpretative sims. Never did Mr Barenboim probe at all deeply, rarely did the music appear to mean anything personal to him, and scarcely ever was any feeling of urgency conveyed.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.





Adrian's design for Joan Crawford in 'Dancing Lady ' and, right, Cecil Beaton's for Barbra Streisand in On a Clear Day You Can See Forever' (from Costume Design in the Movies)

Turning women into goddesses

Costume Design in the Movies

By Elizabeth Leese (B.C.W. Publishing, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, £8.50)

Hollywood Costume Design

By David Chierichetti (Studio Vista, £7.95)

The public never knew their names; and yet for a quarter of a cantury, from the Twenties to the Forties, the men who created the outward aspects of the screen goddesses exerted a tyrannical influence over the way that women looked and moved, all over the looked and moved, all over the world. When Jean Harlow was the presiding deity, women in fashion turned platinum blonde. In 1938 Loretta Young arrived, and the hlondes turned black. Adrian designed the cute little "Eugenie" hat for Garbo in Romance, and for the next decade women was a second to the cute little "Eugenie" hat for Garbo in Romance, and for the next decade women was a second to the cute little "Eugenie" has th

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compensating for her heavy hips with broad padded shoulders: and women everywhere, regardless of the shape of their hips, affected the same square pugilist formation. Technical factors as well as

the tastes, temperaments and physical defects of the stars could affect fashion. When sound films were introduced.
silks and satins rustled too much. so designers were obliged to use softer materials such as velvet and wool. The result was styles that hugged the form; and there is no doubt that the screen contribu-ted largely to the Thirties' rediscovery of the more intimane contours of women, which had been suppressed by the hard-line boyish styles of the 1920s.

It was the studio designers, along with the make-up men, the hairdressers and the photographers, who had the task of turning imperfect women into

graceless proportions, fluctuating weight (poor Judy Garland was the designer's nightmare), unforeseen pregnancies. The testy Orry-Kelly, faced with Bette Davis's refusal to confine

record these unsung heroes and heroines of Hollywood till now; but in the way of pub-lishing, two books coincide, covering very nearly the same ground. David Chierichetti

the forthright, spirited playing of her nephew, though the results were disappointing. The contrast of personalities was happier in Schumann's Andante and Variations, given in its first version with two cellos and horn (difficult to balance satisfactority), best of sil in Bartok's two-piano sonata where both pianists played out in proper style.

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Adrian had trouble designing designed for her by Edith designers' peregrinations from for Joan Crawford in her early days, but hit on the solution of compensating for her heavy problems faced and overcome: problems with individual star physiques.

Both writers stress the diffi-

culties of research in a higherto neglected field; and the point is proved by the wide discrep-Bette Davis's refusal to confine
her healthy but heavy bust in
brassieres, pleaded: "Give me
some way to break her
bosom!"

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David Robinson

Tomorrow's Books Page will include Michael Ratcliffe on Stefan Heym's new novel.

Lynn Redgrave: doing better in America

With Jerry Lewis on the pre-Broadway tour of Hellzapoppin (an updated version of the freeform revue of the 1930s) will be Lynn Redgrave, now a New York resident with a cluster of recent American appearances to her credit including a triumphant revival of Mrs Warren's Projession, a guest-starring role on Kojak and a less than wholly successful Broadway season in a new Jules Feiffer play called Knock Knock.

Knock Knock.

For Miss Redgrave and for her husband John Clark (who was a child actor in Will Hay films, then became a photographer and is now an actor again) and for their two children home is now an apartment opposite Carnegie Hail and conveniently sited also for the Russian Tea Room there. But the Clark family decision to live in New York, explains Miss Redgrave, came about largely by accident.

largely by accident:
"Looking back, I'd like to
think there had been some kind of pattern to our life so far but I don't think that's really true and certainly we never intended to settle here forever—it's just that every time we start to think about going home something like Hell-apoppin seems to come

along.
I first came here 10 years ago, just after I'd left the National, to play in Black Comedy. Then I went back to England and met John and we married and bought a large house on Barnes Common, but then we fell in love with Ireland and thought we'd live there and sort of commute. Then we got into terrible money trouble trying to sell the house in London to a man who was about to go bankrupt, and that's taken five whole and I seemed to be on aero-planes all the time and Ireland

"The children didn't care for moving back and forth across the Atlantic either, so when I had a success here in Vanessa or Corin, though of devout member of the English devout member of the English of Regardance." who Fat Friend [which ran a course I see them when they year on Broadway] John come to play over here. But I decided he could work here write to my mother [Rachel too and now we're officially Kempson] a lot, and my father residents, although I have to re-register with the arrelation. re-register with the authorities tal just the other week. Vanessa every January. But nothing is and Corin have always been forever if you're an actress. I much more politically commit-just seem to do better over ted than me: I only ever voted here at the moment." once, and that was for the

wasn't such a good idea after

Conceivably because there aren't so many other Redgraves Conservative area so it didn't seem to have much effect."

being a regular guest on chat production by Tony Richard shows and all the other things son (her then brother-in-law) you have to do in order to of A Midsummer Night's persuade people to come into Dream at the Royal Court: the theatre and see you in a play. Also I get cast in Ameri-can parts now, and there's a tremendous variety of work this year alone I've done a I've always wanted to sing and through Hay Fever and Mother dance on the stage and now's Courage up to the end of

Labour Party in a hopelessly

"That must have been the starriest disaster of all time: Corin was in it, and Nicol Williamson, and Samantha Eggar and Rita Tushingham and Hollywood disaster movie Robert Land and David called The Big Bus, and then Warner and Ronnie Barker Misalliance in Chicago with and James Bolam and still it Irene Worth, and now Hellza- all fell apart. But then I got years to sort out, but in the poppin with Jerry Lewis and a into the National to play a meantime a lot of offers real live dog act. Then there Court lady in their opening started to come from over here was Kojak too; you can't say production of Homlet in 1963 and I seemed to be on aero- it ever gets boring. Besides and I stayed there right

> community on Broadway. "I think in California there's more of a tendency for the English to stick close together—some of the bars there might as well be in Shep-herd's Bush. But in New York we're more inclined to go our ted than me: I only ever voted separate ways and have Amerionce, and that was for the can friends—at least I seem to.

"What do I miss? Little things, stupid things, like double cream and good pork around?

"No, I don't think it's that—
but unlike a lot of other English actors over here I 1962, she went straight from rather enjoy playing idiotic the Central School of Speech ing for the sight of my television panel games and Drama into a disastrous double cream and good pork samples susages which you can't get anywhere here. Sometimes I 1962, she went straight from wake up in the mornings long-rather enjoy playing idiotic the Central School of Speech ing for the sight of my television panel games and Drama into a disastrous mother's cottage in Hampshire

but the feeling wears off after a while and there's a wonderful convenience about New York which makes up for most things. I feel more resilient here, less inclined to fall foul of my emotions, and I like liv-ing midtown even if everyone else seems to be moving out to the suburbs these days. We have a three-bedroom apartment with a tiny kitchen, but in a nice modern block; we don't have a car but we eat out a lot, and to live like this in London we'd have to be a

very rich couple indeed."
What about the current state
of Broadway? "Well, certainly
it's not as exciting as it might be; last year three big musi-cals (Rex, 1600 Pemsylvania Avenue and Home Sweet Homer each lost more than a million dollars and closed within weeks if not days, so there's a great and understand-able fear of doing expensive new musicals at the momenthence all these revivals. But that will surely change—every-thing around here changes every few months."

What, finally, about Holly-wood? "Well, there do still seem to be occasional signs of life there. I get a lot of televi-sion offers, mainly I think because Georgy Girl and The Happy Hooker are forever playing on the Late Show. But I've done a lot of bad movies I've done a lot of bad movies there in my time, including one which celebrated Victor Mature's comeback and his reretirement all at once. So I think in the long run I'll suck to Broadway, though since Mrs Warren's Projession and Misal-liance I get a lot of Shaw offers from regional theatres all over the States. I think if the right Shaw revival came along I'd even come back to

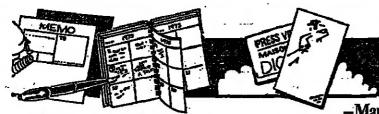
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Gene Pitney's British concert tour

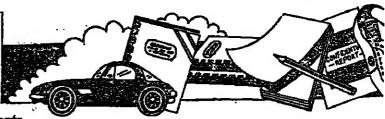
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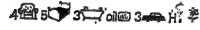
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Constitution Amendment) Bill, which for convenience, I shall call "the Legislation", has been well described by Mr H. V. Kamath, one of the members of the Constituent Assembly that drew up the Indian Constitu-tion, who described it as "neither amending or mending but simply ending the Consti-tution". This is an apt descrip-tion both because of the neat way it makes a political point, and because the Legislation, ostensibly intended only to amend the Constitution to make it more fitting for modern conditions, does indeed entally alter not only al items in the country's basic law, but its whole nature, removing fundawhole nature, removing funda-mental rights guaranteed to individuals and to states, put-ting the judiciary further-under the control of Mrs Gandhi and her group, and making it possible from now on for her to amend the

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Under the Legislation, the President of India is deprived of one of the most important of India's constitutional safeguards: his political independence. As Mrs Gaudhi moves towards making her personal rule permanent, the President's independence could be a barrier, he is now to be constiturier: he is now to be constitu-tionally obliged to act only as she directs, and his residual discretionary powers are with-drawn. At the same time, the om for her to amend the President, thus turned into amended Constitution still fur-nothing but the instrument of ther without even the largely the Prime Minister's political

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tion without the necessity obtaining subsequent parlia-mentary approval. So since Mrs Gandhi will constitu-tionally control the President entitled to exercise arbitrary power. Moreover, a further item in the Legislation provides that laws and decrees under a state of emer-will no longer lapse when the state of emergency itself ends; they will commune in force unless specifically repealed. This means that the lty Act (originally passed under an earlier state of omergency, and now used to ensure that thousands of Indians con-tinue to be detained without trial or redress) will remain in existence even when the emer-gency is officially declared to be over. In other words, the Legislation gives Mrs Gandhi the unchallengeable right to go on indefinitely imprisoning, no less indefinitely, anyone she

disapproves of.

Nor is this by any means all. In the pre-Legislation Indian Constitution, there were a number of clauses enshrining whar were there defined as Fundamenal Rights, which will theoretically remain even after the Legislation is passed; the Legislation is passed these include freedom of expression, association and assembly. It was long ago recognized that there were, or might be, circumstances in Rights might have to be restricted or curtailed (even the most democratic of countries have, in war for instance, placed limits on many fundamental freedoms); but the Constitution ensures that any such restrictions on the Funda-mental Rights must not be

"unreasonable", and gives power to the judiciary to determine what is and is not, in this context, unreasonable.
Already, there have been encroachments on the Fundamental Rights. One of these being the right to acquire, own and dispose of property, a number of restrictions on the and inspose of property, a number of restrictions on that right have been, understanda-bly, enacted over the years in order, for instance, to bring about agricultural reform, and these restrictions have been placed beyond judicial review. Mrs Gandhi has already added to the list of such freedom-restricting but scrutiny-exempt (which she uses to stop press criticism of her); that, and others, have been put beyond judicial review by their inclusion in a section of the Consti-tution previously confined to

pothing to do with any such conflict of economic interests. to go much farther, under the Legislation, Referring to the Directive Principles (also a Directive Principles (also a basic part of the Constitution, laying down the aims and objects which the State should try to achieve in the interests of the people and their rights and welfare), the Legislation provides that no law or administrative action designed a feather the Direction Particles. tal Rights—including the Fun-damental Rights pertaining to liberty of opinion, equality before the law, and the free-dom to associate with others in pursult of lawful ends. The Constitution elready allows for restrictions on such rights, pro-

vided the restrictions are not unrestonable; the Legislation removes that sateguard, and gives Mrs Gandhi the righ; to limit or abolish at whim even the most fundamental of democratic rights, whether she is acting reasonably or not. All acting reasonably or not. All that is necessary is to declare that any such measure is designed to further the Direc-tive Principles, and since these are sufficiently wide for any law whatever to be said to be in accordance with them (they cover everything from equal pay to cow-slaugher), there will be no possibility of chal-lenging even the most tyran-nous of enactments by claimnous of enactments by claiming that it violates the Funda-

mental Rights and that its pro-

And it is already possible to see what kind of legislation Mrs Gandhi will introduce once she is freed of such provided by an obligation to act reasonably when taking away the people's basic rights. Incorporated into the Legislaillegal "anti-national activi-ties", which are themselves defined so broadly as to give Mrs Gandhi the opportunity to prohibit any activity at all which she finds emberrassing or critical. The Constitution already contains a provision under which political activities under which political activities may be restricted; but this also is subject to review by the Supreme Court on the basis of whether it is reasonable or not. By putting such a clause into the Constitution itself, drawn as widely as this one is, Mrs Gandhi gives herself the power to stifle any kind of opposition without any fear that the courts may hold that she is secting unreasonably and that her actions are therefore unjustified.

unjustified.

I shall continue with an analysis of further provisions of the Legislation, and offer some conclusions, tomorrow. C Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

belong to us any more.

That English reigns supreme as the lingua franca of diplomacy, business and technology was in no doubt by the members of the international Association of Teachers of English as a Foreign Language. Even the French delegate from the Federaseurt des Language des Professeurt des Language

des Professeurs des Langues Vivantes had to admit that his

organization now used English as an official language, clearly a body blow to Gallic pride.

The trouble is that so many varieties of English are spring-

varieties of English are springing up that one is becoming
incomprehensible to speakers of
the other. Albert Gimson, himself a professor of English at
London University, remarked,
"We have all met distinguished
professors of English who know
all the grammar but was teally

protessors of English who know all the grammar but are totally unable to speak it." Gimson spoke it quite well, but was forced to admit: "I do not always catch all the phrases in Kojak".

Gimson thought that the trend towards fragmentation of

Anniversaries in 1977

A passion for horses : the Aga Khan and Peter Paul Rubens.

Rubens, the Aga Khan and curtain up at Finsbury Fields

323 BC. Alexander the Great | 19 Louis Brunelleschi, 1377 Filippo Italian architect, born

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Italian painter, born
Sir Thomas Boleyn born,
Beatrice Cenci, Roman,
woman, subject of

woman, subject of poems, plays and novels, Curtain

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William Henry Ireland, forger of Shakespearlan manuscripts, born
Sir Robert Ker Porter,
painter and traveller,
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1877 The Library Association

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writer, died 1877 Juan Manuel de Rosas. Argentine dictator, died

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15 Matheson Lang, actor-manager, born 1877

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78 Charles Stewart Roll

engineer and aviator, born 29 Brigham Young, Mormon leader, died 1877

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French president (1871-3) and historian, died 1877
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9 James Evershed Agate, dra-matic critic, born 1877 11 Sir James Jeans, mathema-tician and astronomer, born

James Harrington, political philosopher, died 1677

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22 John Bartram, America botanist and explorer, dis

"Beautiful Railway Bridge of the Silvery Tayl" opened 1877

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Moslem community, 1877 Victor Trumper, Australian cricketer, born 1877

9 Gilbert Sheldon, Archbishop Canterbury (1663-77), died 1677 10 Jacob Cats, Dutch poet and

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25 Harley Granville-Barker, actor, producer, dramatist and critic, born 1877

DECEMBER

2 Benno Elkan, sculptor, born

4 Madame Jeanne Françoise Récamier, French patron of the arts, born 1777

17 Albrecht von Haller, Swiss anatomist, died 1777

7 Wenman Bassett-Lowke, model maker, born 1877

Nikolay Nekrasov, Russian poet, died 1877

31 Gustave Courbet, painter, died 1877

Jack Lonsdale

Leaving aside the Marble Arch branch of Marks and Spencer, the British asset most earnestly sought. by foreigners is our language. Teachers of English as a foreign language are holding a conference in Oxford this week to discuss how best to preserve English as the principal international tanguage. The Times **Diary** cipal international tongue. Judging by the opening debate at the Oxford College of Further Education yesterday, the main trouble is that it does not belong to us any more

English garbled world wide

Gimson was to adopt an inter-national synthetic pronunciation of English, an idea supported by the Duke of Edinburgh in a message of welcome he sent when he discovered he was too busy to come in person. "It is possible", said Gimson, "to speak a sort of English using only one vowel sound and 14 consonants." He demonstrated with a short reading, and sounded remarkably like Sir Harold Wilson.

He also suggested that foreigners might be taught Scottish English, with its flat vowels and absence of diphthongs, which everyone understood except the English. But he rejected that, too, and concluded that it was best to allow different varieties of English to develop, which was all right as long as foreigners got the stross. long as foreigners got the stress opatters right, and did not say things like suitable and testimony.

Gimson thought that the trend towards fragmentation of English pronunciation was likely to continue, with Africans, Indians, Australians, and Americans all speaking mutually incomprehensible varities. The French never had this trouble when their Randolph Quirk, another of London University's English eminences, reminded everyone that international languages had never been chosen for suitability, but rather because of the political influence of the mother nation. Even Latin would not have been of much use had it not taken over Creak varines. The French never had this trouble when their tanguage was in vogue, partly because of the rigidity of its teaching and partly because of me standardization imposed by the Academie Francaise. use had it not taken over Greek and "relexicated itself", a term

which might trouble first-year students at Berkitz. English, he said, had only risen to its present prestige in the past 30 years, and its continued popularity largely depended on the continuing political influence of the United States.

Quirk did not much like the idea of a standardized English pronunciation. Standardization, after all, did not save Latin or French. Nationalism, which was the world, would see to that, Quirk remarked that in Pad-diagnos station the other day, he heard a train announcement in Welsh.

"In New Zealand recently I found that the only foreign language of which teaching is language of which teaching is on the increase is Japanese. Elsewhere, German is much underused if you consider the power and influence of Germany. And Russian and Chinese are waiting in the wings. But I do not think that English will have any serious rival in this century or the rival in this century or the

According to the BBC's Hand-book for 1977, page 315, then now have a "director of per-sonne", which shows just how for the economy drive has gone.

Disgraceful

Now that most of the nation has finally returned to work. Justow Serious, my concerned reporter, analyses the effect of the prolonged Christmas and New Year stoppage:

Apara from the West End shops, busily selling our remaining national assets to foreigners at knockdown prices, it has been the Chirstmas of the long sleep. At a time of financial crisis, can we afford all this time off? I sought the views of



some leading businessmen and

I tracked down Sir Barely Sultring, chairman of Uncon-solidated Consolidateds, in his botel room at Cannes. "It's disgraceful', he told me. "Your average working chappie now adays doesn't know what work is. Now take me, this is my first real holiday since September, and it was arranged well her, and it was arranged well in advance. Even so I've had to bring my secretary with me to deal with things as they crop up, and to type my angry letters to The Times."

When I put it to him that he was, after all, taking time off himself, he grew angry. "Class envy, that's what that is", he fumed. "A canker worse than racial batred. It's what's bring ing this country down. If the chars on the shop floor would work a bit harder they wouldn't

have time to worry about what their betters are doing. "Of course we get longer holidays than them. We work damned hard, discussing and making decisions and things. But the Government is quite crazy to give all this statutory time off.

"What they ought to have done was to switch the Thursday before Christmas with the Friday after Christmas, which would mean that New Year's day would always be on a Monday, and we would save two clear working days. But of Course you wouldn't expect a idlers and scroungers to think of that"

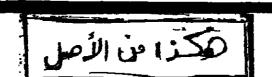
Alan Idle, a Conservative MP, told me: "I've been spending the recess in my constituency making statements to the press about how we have too many holidays. Well, not exactly in my constituency, but just our-side it, where a friend has some good shocting.
"The national slackness is

quite disgraceful. I bet the Hun is laughing all over his tiny face tonight. If I were the man from the IMF I would keep a rigid grip on my cheque-book, I can tell you."

When I tried to ring the IMF in Washington for their reaction, a telephone answering machine invited me to state the sum I wanted to borrow, and promised to put a cheque in the post after the holiday.

A postcard of Margate, posted there at 2.30 pm on June 2, 1925, reached its destination in Hampstead las: week. Its George V permy stamp had been refranked at Paddington on Christmas Ere with the appropriate advice: "Remember to use the Postcode."

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had just such an assembly at Stormont for some 50 years, but that did not cover a sufficiently large part of the United Kingdom to affect its central operations. Assemblies in Edinburgh and Cardiff will be a very different

matter. These will open the way to much wider variations in standards and practices in different areas of the United Kingdom in such matters as housing, education, health care, social welfare, roads and planning.

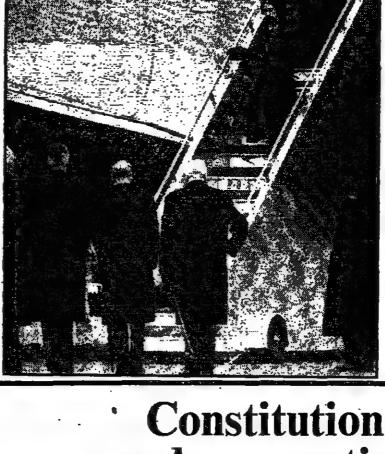
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devolution is handled. The campaign for more referendums has received a powerful boost from the Government's decision to hold them in Scotland and Wales. The in Scotland and Wales. The

The devolution Bill is





Constitution under mounting attack

Twenty-five years ago there was general satisfaction with the constitution. There was even some pride in it, which the inauguration of the new reign decorated. The British form of parliamentary democracy seemed, to the British at any rate, to have got things about

The nation had weathered the perils of The nation had weathered the perils of war and labours of postwar reconstruction, and was still very much intact. The constitution had shown itself abugh enough to with stand those strains and flexible enough to absorb changes amounting to something like a social revolution. The precious products of the system remained: order, liberty, the rule of law. Even plenty was beginning to return. The nation bad its troubles, but they were not perceived as being constitutional in kind.

How different now in the twenty-fifth year of the reign. There are few parts of the constitution—the monarchy is one of them—which are not the subject of mounting complaint, the target for radical reform.
One thing about the criticism that stands out is the sheer respectability of its origins. It is not Chartists, Marxists or Red Moles who are faming the discontent, but peers of the readm, former Lord Chancellors, Lord Until of the readm. Justices of Appeal. There is more constitu-tional radicalism inside the Athenseum than

Take Lord Hailsham. He is the Cicero of this time and place. He has held the consul-ship. He patrols the frontier between law politics. He has due reverence for the official religion. He takes an elevated view of the duties of public life and eloquently expounds the perennial philosophy. No doubt when the dictator, whose approaching shadow he already spots, ascends the Capitol, Lord Hailsham will be there among the conspirators:

For the present he has the television screen, on which he declares that the historic British constitution is worn out, that we live under an elective dictatorship, absolute in theory if hitherto thought tolerable in practice, that we are moving to a totalitarianism which only a systematic and radical overhaul of our constitution can avert.

Lord Hailsham is echoed by the Moderator Lord Hailsham is echoed by the Moderator of the General Assemby of the Church of Scotland, no less, preaching from the pulpit of Westminster Abbey. While the roll of patronage of the National Committee for Electoral Reform, which wants a proportional system, reads like the guest list for a Lord Mayor's Banquet. (Is it possible that some of the air may escape from that bailoon with the advancing likelihood of a thumping Conservative majority under the unregenerate system of elections?) nnregenerate system of elections?)

The main thrust of complaint is that the checks and balances the constitution formerly provided have atrophied; that the blurred, but discernible, separation of powers which used to mark it scarcely survives; that the sovereignty of Parliament has come to mean the exercise of power by the government of the day in the absence of constitutional constraints,

It is also said that arrangements devised for the use and control of political power at a time when the scope of government was narrow are obsolete now that the range and volume of public business have bugely increased; that this has permitted the bureaucracy to escape political control; and that in the political conditions of today the first-past-the-post system of election tends to produce a House of Commons whose composition is a grossly distorted reflection of the political sentiment of the

Other developments help to build up a case for a new constitutional settlement. Even in its present flaccid form the EEC has considerably larger constitutional repercussions on Britain than were officially admitted when leave to enter was being sought from Parliament and people.

Community instruments abridge the logisla-tive competence of Parliament and Community law enters, overrides and shapes British law. Meanwhile present plans for making the Union more to the liking of the Scots and Welsh tend towards a quasi-federal structure for the whole kingdom, which would profoundly alter the nature of the constitution, whatever may be the present pretence that it would not.

The analysis has led Lord Hallsham and others to advocate all or some of the follow-ing reforms: a new constitutional settlement in written form; the entrenchment of primary civil rights in a superior instrument; judicial determination of the validity of legislation; a second legislative chamber reconstructed in a manner which would permit it to interfere effectively with the ambitions of a governmentdominated Commons; an electoral system which gives a more nearly proportional conversion of

There are preliminary paradoxes about this programme. One of the commonest complaints lying behind it is that a government at Westminster these days is too powerful, that it is— or may be if so minded—an elective dictator-ship, able to ride roughshod over opposition and impose its will on resentful subjects.

Yet it is only three years ago that the question was being asked, often by the same people: who governs the country, ministers sustained by an elected Commons or the National Union of Mineworkers? And in February 1974 the voters are supposed to have given the collec-tive reply that they really did not know.

Which is the better description of the pollti-cal background to the nation's present condition: the arrogance and excesses of elective dictatorships presided over by Macmillan, Wilson, Heath and Callaghan, or the feebleness of the same administrations, their vulnerability to political pressures, their fear of powerful interests outside Parliament, their deference to what they supposed the electors wanted or would tolerate?

Another regular complaint is that the Com-mons is impotent in the face of the party whips, that it can talk to its heart's content but when it comes to action the only instru-ment it possesses is a rubber stamp. Doubtless for much of the time it looks like that, but not just now.

Government Bills have been getting a mauling in the Commons. The programme for this session has been shaped with a wary eye for what the legislature will swallow and digest. It is generally reckoned that the fate of the home-rule Bill does not lie with the whips but with unpredictable combinations of back-benchers. Similarly, complaints about the political emasculation of the House of Lords coincide with a successful demonstration of the use of its constitutional powers.

The symptoms of constitutional sickness do

The symptoms of constitutional sickness do not all support the same diagnosis; which casts some doubt on the advertised cure. A second opinion perhaps?

In the early 1930s the volume of criticism of the constitution was as large as it is today. Then, as now, there was a failure of the political economy.

Those who work the system have failed by too wide a margin to metch by their effects the expectations entertained by the public. When things go as badly as that, blame is not confined to those who work the system, it implicates the system itself. Naturally. And the system, being of long standing and consisting in large measure of the elevation into consisting an arrivelence of ways of delays. ventions, rules and principles of ways of doing business which have commended themselves to our predecessors, is only too likely to be vulner-

able to criticism. Before the case for wholesale constitutional innovation is received into the body of established wisdom, someone should blow the dust off those volumes which record the constitutional discontents of the 1930s. The sources and tone of the complaints have a familiar sound, although the direction of criticism wa

sometimes very different from today.
(Winston Churchill, incidentally, commending soon-forgotten proposal for an economic sub-parliament to raise the level of policy in matters of trade and finance, anticipated Dr Milton Friedman by half a century. The British parliamentary system, he said, will pass "only when it has shown itself incapable of dealing with some fundamental and imperative economic need; and such a challenge is now

In the perspective which history affords it can be seen that the constitutional radicalism of the thirties evaporated in the warmth of economic recovery and reviving national self-confidence. And the constitutional radicalism of the 1970s? In the case of Scotland, anyway, time is not being given the chance to apply the same treatment. the same trestment.

T. J. O. Hickey

The middle classes

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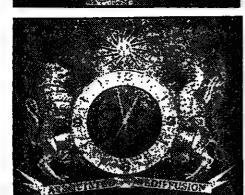
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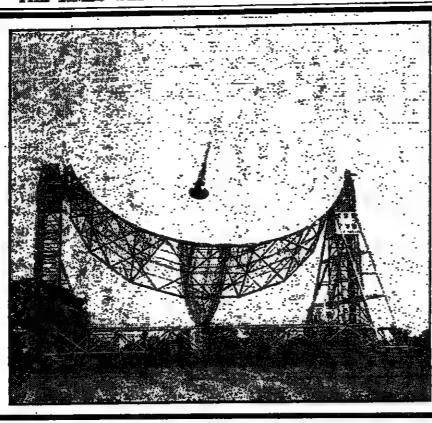
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Unions

The real fourth

by George Hill

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by Sir Leslie

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Any jubile year assessment of the unions maked class struggle that we must begin with the state of the social contract. Its friends insist it is alive and kicking. Its enemies argue that the socialist "life force" that the political deal between unions and the Labour movement. Not just miners, but gas between unions and the Labour movement civil servants, and others

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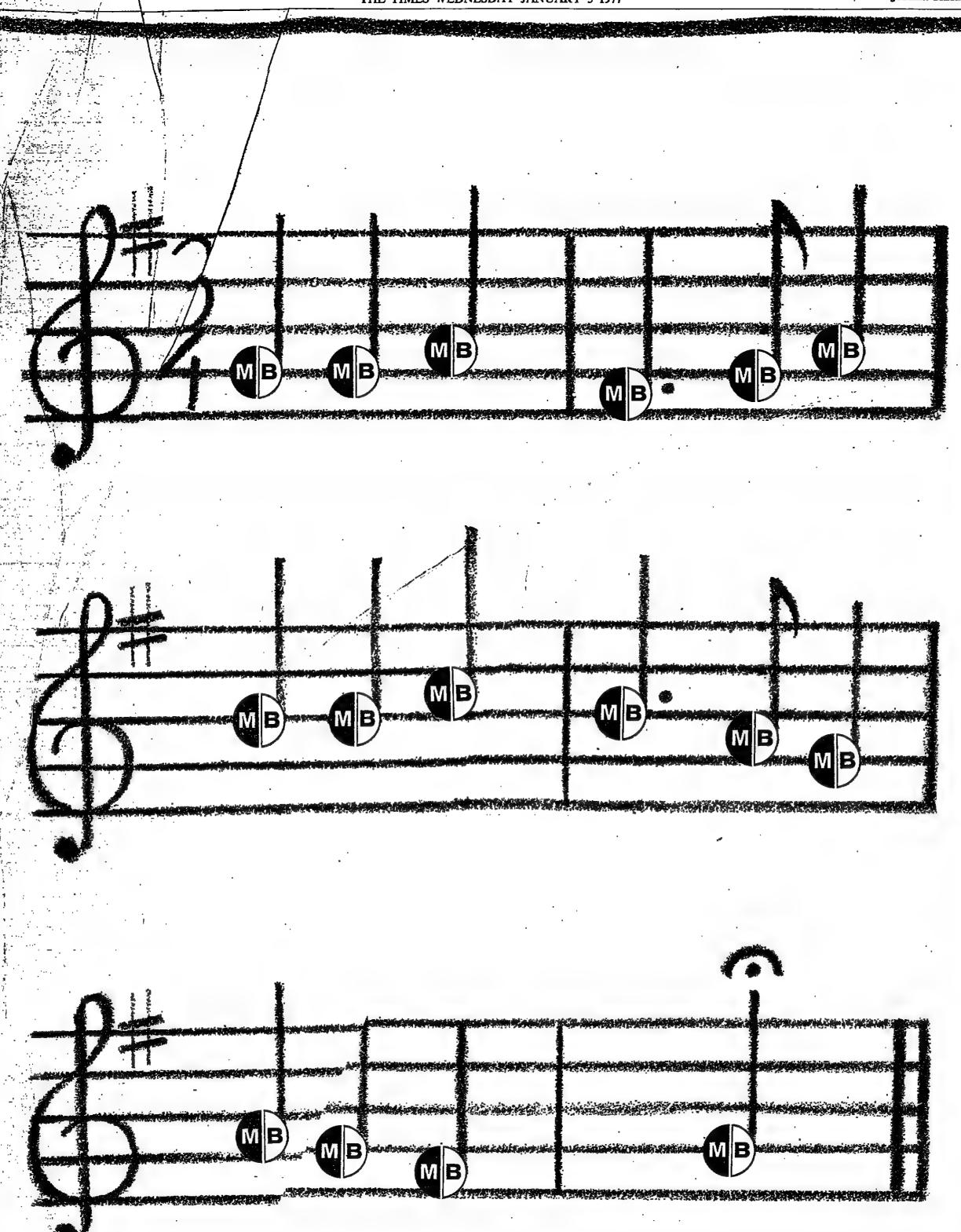
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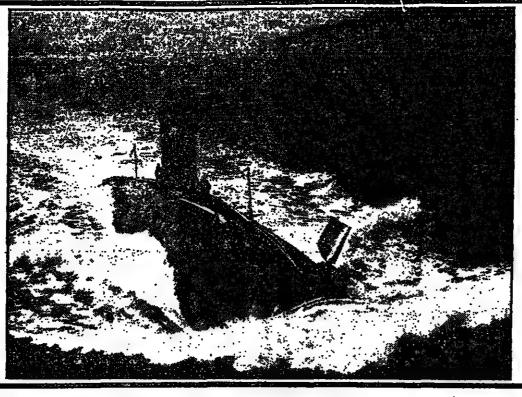
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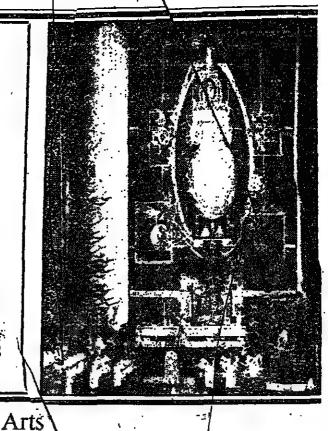












Science and technology

After the white heat cooled

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by Sir Alan Cottrell dends until it has passed to d and basic materials, in cital ones. They will roar into cipal competitors. Much of through the mills of technology, in the country seemed obvious. Something quite different country seemed obvious stands are pressing apparations of server which end may be dead to see the scientists and technology allowed the wind the would seement of spending money projects, the hours of seement of spending money projects, the hours of seement of

during the Second World War, and were they not performing just as well in post-wer Britain, with their supersonic aircraft, computers, polio injections and contraceptive pills?

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But in all this there is a powerless, a micro-like a town council—as if dearmment timidaly offering spin-off from governments to a largely unresponsive private industry.

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hardly realized then and is through any of them.

Often poorly understood today. It is that when commercial success is the goal tic technology were in reof scientific and technical
real before the withering an agreed plan to concenendeavour, the problems are fire of the cost-effectiveness trate production upon a limiferent standard of difficulty. The time of Mr. Healey's
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The North Sea will give Britain a magificent opportunity, over the pext quarter century, to have second go at what it has filed so dismally to achieve during the

at what it has kied so dismally to achieveduring the past one: a trul regeneration of British industry, based on commercial policies, investment, tempology, understanding ledership and reliable supportain will be a rare second chice—a 20-year easement of the

Dramatic flouris in regions

by Roy Shaw

"The year which ended last March was an anxious one for many of the bodies with which the Arts Council is associated. The cost of productions to mount, and several wages awards had to be met by the symphony orchestras and the baller see, the long dream of companies, . . The losing battle in which some of the repertory theartes are engaged calls for emergency action. It must be emphasized that most of these anxieties are not provoked by a falling of productions by the major subsidized companies which lamb and wales at local authority and wisual arts has similarly expanded and whereas in 1952 has been the form only vite a small begun only with a small eries and the buller see the long dream of companies, . . The losing battle in which some of the repertory theartes are engaged calls for emergency action. It must be emphasized that most of these anxieties are not provoked by a falling of productions by the origin of productions by the service of the inexorable increase on the through theirbrowistion of its this country will soon be associated. The cost of productions is productions not cover England and wales at local authority of the more frequent television of the iscommonly dized, notably in gior subsidized companies their brough the trade of more the arts than is commonly dized, notably migor subsidized companies their brough the trade of more the arts than is commonly dized, notably migor subsidized companies the income that the trade of more the arts than is commonly dized, notably migor subsidized companies the iscommonly dized, notably in the country will soon be associated. The cost of productions by the trade of more frequent television of its the country will soon be associated. The cost of productions by the trade of more of the trade on order the untropy of the more frequent television of its this country will soon be associated. The cost of productions the trade on order the untropy of the more frequent trade of the wild of the more than the first country will soon be associated. The cou

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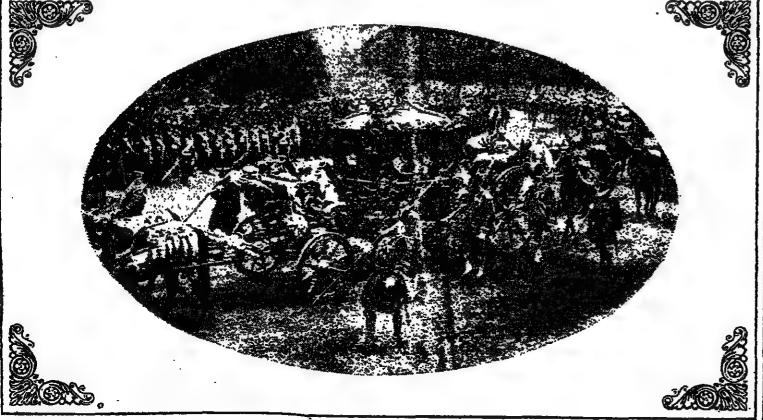
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Education

Three Rs: debate continues

by Stuart M the time-span of only tional generation. born in 1952 who ha all the way up the aca ladder from nursery to post-gradaute study

tion, the educational system has been transformed. There never has been a quarter of a century of such francic activity as the one which began with the baby boom and ended with the birth

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In 1952 162,000 candidates made 830,000 O level subject entries: by 1974 this had become 810,000 candidates making 2,477,000 subject entries. Similarly, at A level the 40,500 entries of 1952 had become the 250,000 carries of 1974.

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These figures, of course, leave open the question of whether the examinations themselves have retained their standard—though he would be a very jaundiced tritic indeed who attempted

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judgment on a comparative basis But 25 years on it is undoubtedly disappointing that after so much expansion, and so much expenditure of money and effort, the mastery of the basic tools of learning is still not something which can be guaranteed to all: not here, nor in any country. So, amid snother dary reorganization (without any longer, alas, agreement

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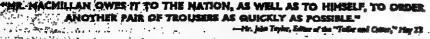
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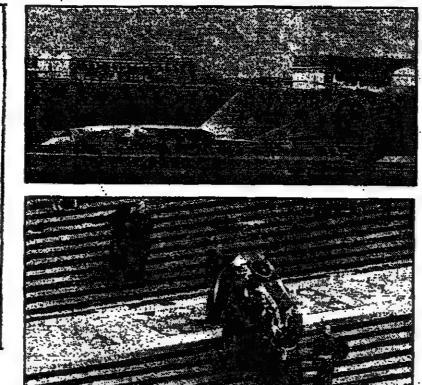
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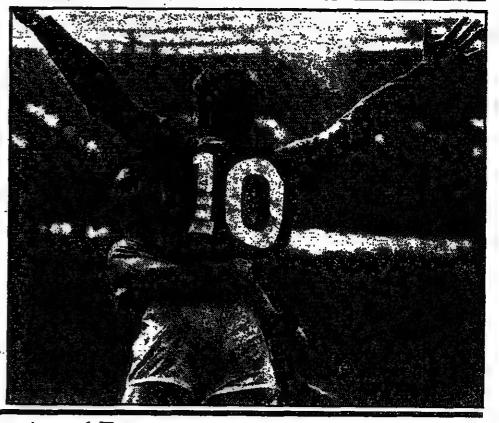
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Armed Forces

The months ahead

Many of the events in this calendar will be London Celebrations Committee for the on April 24. The object of the appeal will of local events throughout Britain. be to encourage young people to serve the In counties, lords-lieutenant will lead community, both in Britain and the Com- local appeals in support of the national

ion WC2), and of the privately financed co Antrim).

29 Rugby league England v Wales. Headingley, Leeds.

5 Amateur rugby league Lancs v Yorks. Oldham. 11-17 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in the Pacific

haven.

2-March 7 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in New

Rostropovich'e fifeson birthday concert. Festival Hall. Amateur rugby league—Yorks v Cumbria. Craven

World challenge match for rackets. Queens Club, Lon-

Lecrosse (women's) England v Reserves. Hurlinghen

19 Rockey (women's) England v Weies. Headingley. 19-20 London Dinghy Exhibition. Pickett's Lock, Edmon 23-26 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Pepus New

ation national championships. Wester Bowl, Poole.

Rugby league. English schools v French schools, under

16. Barrowen-Furness.
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Schools internetional bosing. England v Wales. Guern-

1 National Youth Orchestra, Boulez programme. Festival

Gala performance. Darlington Civic Theatre. .

Martial arts festival Crystal Palace, London. Handel Opera Society Concert "Handel and the Chapel

Royal "Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Prince Charles' radio and television broadcast.
Schools Music Association concert. Albert Hall.

Physically handicapped wheelchair dancing. Trentham Gardens, Stoke on Trent.

Rugby union—Middlesex seven-aside competition.

l-May 14 Imeractional clan gathering (1st week Edin burgh, 2nd week throughout Scotland).

14 House to house collection, British Legion and Earl Haig

Find. Schrand.

Harlem Globenomers baskethall match. Wembley.

Flag Day. British Legion and Earl Haig Fund.

Inaugural flag raising—London Celebrations Committee's river-programme. HMS Belfast, Tower Bridge.

Pootball match, English (select) v Scorrish (select).

7-27 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Scotland (May

17. service of thanksgiving, Glasgow Cathedral; 18, Edinburgh; 19, Dundee; 20, Aberdeen; 23-27, Edin-

East Anglian Offshore Racing Association passage

National Pageant of Scottish Youth. Meadowbank Stadium, Edinburgh

Dedication of new silver processional cross, Southwark Cathedral.

Big. Top royal gala performance. Home Park

Service of thanksgiving. St George's Chapel, Windsor

ILEA concert, London Schools Symphony Orchestra

(including new work). Festival Hall, London Business Houses rowing regatta. Chelses to

Evening Standard pub of the river competition. The

Royal church music: choirs of Westminster Abbey, Chapel Royal and Sr George's Chapel, Windsor. West-

Royal Marines athletics championships. Victory

11 Thames sailing barge and oyster smack race.
Gravesend to Tower Bridge.
Night of 100 Stars—gala performance. Olivier auditorium, National Theatre.

duced by their teachers. Royal Opera House.

Youth and music concert, young British soloists intro-

Cruising Association (St Katharine's Dock) jubilee week London. Veteran cyclist 1.000-mile sponsored ride. London

Chain of bonfires lit, first by the Queen. Windsor*

Grand Silver Jubitee concert (Yehudi Menuhin).

Afbert Hall.

Street happenings visits by popular stars to London boroughs. Royal, Thames Yacht Chib Saver Jubilee rate. Nationaide.

Silver Jubilee bank holiday: thanksgiving service, St.

Paul's the Queen function at Guildhall and broadcasts

1 June 11 Milk Marketing Board cycling milk race.
1 Gala performance (opera and ballet). Royal Opera

Elion John gala performance, Palladium. Police review. Imber Court, Thames Dittor

race. Garrison Point to St Katharine's.

Youth festival. Weston Favell, Northants.

House, Covent Garden.

Thames (Greenwich to Teddington).

Royal Escape yacht race. Brighton.

Jubilee Sunday in churches.

Safari Park open day. Windsor.

to Balmoral and back.

Soring bank holiday.

1-23 and 26-30. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in

Footbell League Cup fixed. Wembiey

26-27 International Canoa Exhibition. Crystal Palace.

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associated with the Queen's Silver Jubilee Queen's Silver Jubilee (4 Carlton Gar-Appeal, to be launched by the Prince of dens, London SW1). In addition to the by Field Marshal Wales in a radio and television broadcast events listed there will be many hundreds Sir Michael Carver

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10, 14 New production by English Music Theatre, Purcell's The Fairy Queen, Sadler's Wells.

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St Katharine's Yacht Club race. St Katharine's 13

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Enterprise Yourb national event. Charlotte Square, Edinburgh.
Pop festival. Wembley.
National Tug-of-War Committees competition. Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham.
Garter Service. Windsor*.
National Sporting Club dinner. Cafe Royal, London.
If Jubiles Test matches, England v Australia. Lord's.
Barge driving match. The Thames, from Lower Pool through bridges.

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The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Lancashire and

and Duke of Edinburgh in Greater

7 LSO lubiles concert: Festivel Hall. 8-24 Film première: Long to Reign Over Us. ABC 25 26 Elisabeth Schwarzkopf recital.—Pestival Hall. Apollo Society, Garland for the Queen with poetry. Wigmore Hall.

> South of the river*. 30-July 3 Royal Regarta. Henley.

John Player centenary festival, LSO, new Stopperd/ Previn works. Festival Hall. John Player centenary festival. Queen Elizabeth Hall Power Boat grand prix. Between Albert and Vauxhall

Jubilee gala concert. Brighton Festival. Second royal London tour. North of the riv LPO special jubilee concert. Festival Hall. North of the river

Arundel, Sussex.

Lord's.
12-14 Jubilee "eights" race. Westminster.

3 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Humberside

and Yorkshire.* 14-15 The Oueen and Duke of Edinburgh in North-east.

14 ILEA physical/athletic education event. Crysta Palace.

Yeovil 17 Youth regatta—rowing canoeing sailing motor boat events. Westminster Boating Base, Pimlico.
(3 weeks) Young people's theatre restival. Royal

Have Wherf, SE1.

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in West Midiands 27-31 Festival of cycling (professional and amateur). Harrogate.

Nottinghamshire.* RAF review. Finningley.*

Football charity shield match, cup v league winners. Wembley.

Cricket, Australia v Rest of World. Arundel, Sussex. Yacht race. Gravesend to St Katharine's. International festival of youth orchestras. Kenwood States to face what seemed Lakeside, Holland Park, Crystal Palace, Westminster a menace to the whole Central Hall, Summer Theatre, Putney.

Possession

22-26 St Katharine's Yacht Club and Cruising Association jubilee festival. St Katharine's Yacht Haven.
Standing conference of motor yacht clubs and association rally. King's Reach, London to Ramsgate.
Association of Thames Yacht Clubs rally. Kingston

The Best of British, world premiere of new musical. Theatre Royal, Norwich. unior horse jumping competition. Heathfield, Sussex

Grand Silver Jubilee concert, Orchestra de Paris Albert Hall. Royal progress and river pageant; firework displays.

Naval Review. Spithead*. First Royal London Tour.

Army Review. West Germany*. English schools athletics championships.

Jubilee tideway race. Putney-10wer Bridge-Putney. National festival of music for youth. Festival Hall, Oueen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room.

Under-19 second Test match, England v Australia.

16 Schools athletics-England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland.

19, 21, 26 Garden parties at Buckingham Palace.*
20 Sept 14 (provisional) Popular music and dance festival,

The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Dertyshire and

London Sinfonietta, including new work by Sir William August Walton. Oueen Elizabeth Hell. Pithochry Festival Theatre, opening performance Pithochry. Pop. festival (all British pop stars). Earls Court. BBC light music festival. Festival Hall. The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in West Country

International festival of youth orchestras. Albert Hall, Sadler's Wells.

28 Junior individual bowls competition. Lancashire. Events marked by an asterisk form part of the Queen's

Jubiles regards and spectacular. Hammersmith.
Grand Silver Jubiles concert (military spectacular)

Dubites gais classical concert. Albert Hall.
Central European folk festival. Albert Hall.
The Queen's birthday parade; RAF fly-past. Horse-

Monday of Midsummer. Orkneys. uly 2 Centenary Jawn tens 20-July 2 Cente Wimbledon

22-24 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Wales (June 22, Gwynedd; 23, West Wales and Swansea; 24, South Wales and Cardiff).*

John Player Cantenery Festival Music Theatre, Birtwistle/Kustow. Cottesloe auditorium, National London Looks Forward conference. Queen Elizabeth

4-16 Silver Jubilee pageant. Shalford Park, Guildford.

Stadium, Barnet. 8-10 County vouth weekend. Stratfield Says; Hants. 9 Under-19 first Test match England v Australia

The Oneen and Duke of Edinburgh in Suffolk and

24 Wills international polo. Smith's Lawn, Windsor. 25-27 Cycle race. London-Harrogate.

(August 5, Devon ; 6, Cornwall : 8, Avon).*
6-7 London jubilee yourb games finals. Crystal Palace.
10-11 The Queen and Duke of Edinburgh in Northern

20-29 Jubilee clipper week regatta. Greenwich

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Slimmed down but still fighting fit in, they found themselves more cohesive and better-thrust back into it by balanced than it was then, even if they would not be unemployment and its effects this ambitious programme, and this in spite of the prepared to admit to being on the young, has silenced imposed on a growing ex-imperial commitment in quality, and in some cases satisfied soldier was the best the economy improves, we spite of our abandonment the size of the Russian and recruiter. There has been a may well be reminded that of both Palestine and India. Warsaw Patt Armed Forces, quiet revolution in this finance is not the only limit-Although aversion to defence approximately approximately over the past forces we can majorate

The differences between the British Armed Forces when

now and then is extreme

divisions consisted of con-verting our occupation forces tional divisions out of the 10 which the Attlee Govern 10 which the Attlee Government planned as part of the rearmament programme instigated by the Korean war. Nato's Lisbon target of 60 remained a pipedream. Excluding minesweepers and layers, the Royal Navy had 166 active hulls, including 12 large aircraft carriers and the Royal Air Force had a large inventory of our-ofa large inventory of out-of-date aircraft, neither the Hunter nor the V-bombers yet being in service.

It would have been impossible to meet all these commitments with regular strength in April 1952 was 857,100: 145,000 in the Royal Navy, 442,000 in the Army and 270,000 in the RAF. Of the 314,700 National Servicemen in these totals, only 4,400 were in the Royal Navy; 86,000 were in the Royal Air Force and all the rest were in the Army. Even then the latter was 83,000 short of its

planned strength. In all three services it had been found necessary to recall reservists. On re-turning to power in October 1951, Winston Churchill had insisted on resuscitating the Home Guard "to act as a deterrent against the danger

deterrent against the danger of paratroop descents on a considerable scale. In the financial year 1952-53 all this was expected to cost £1,462m, the Army taking nearly 36 per cent, the Royal Air Force 32 per cent and the Royal Navy 241 per cent, the rest going to per cent, the rest going to the Ministries of Supply and of Defence. All this was part of an ambitious three-year £4.700m rearmament gramme introduced by Labour Government in 1951 in response both to the Korean war and to the for-

mation of Nato. With all the advantage of hindsight one cannot help feeling that we over-reacts and assumed a burden of commitments at that time which it was quite beyond our power to bear. must remember, however, the fright that Russia had given to us all. First there the subjection Czechoslovakia; then Berlin crisis and Korea assumed to be the

All that we had fought for

so recently seemed to be at risk again. Nobody but ourselves was in a position to stand up with the United of the atom bomb (as it was then called) did not seem to carry the weight it should have done in dealing with the Russians. Whether or not we did over-react the economic consequences left an indelible impression in many Treasury minds. Just as they saw us struggling out of the econ-omic morass that the Second

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And what should that be? It is, however, a sensitive Our commitments outside

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Economy

by Peter Jay
In her first 25 years on the through the Exchequer, from Mr
R. A. (now Lord) Butler to first least of survival—if ont of survival—if of the survival—if of the strong was the first (four years), the second (fo

During this period (or the first two decades of it) Britain achieved its fastest national output, surpassing even the most vigorous iecades of the nineteenth century. At the same time the long decline in Britain's relative position as sup-plier of manufactured goods to the world, which has been going on since at least the

this relative decline has not been the only or even the most serious failure of the second Elizabethan age so far. Not merely have we discovered that we cannot improve our prosperity as fast as most other comparable—or formerly comparable or formerly comparable—or formerly comparable—or formerly comparable—or formerly comparable—or formerly comparable or formerly c

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vival of the system of political consony which was the continuous without trade unions using established during and after the war as the enlightened answer to the harrowing ear to the extent of bringing the matter leflectually, if not yet materially, we have gone the tellectually, if not yet materially, we have gone to the extent of bringing the solutions we thought we had found are not solutions at all.

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A sincere tribute

in Jubilee Year

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Britain's long-standing

friends.

plier of manufactured goods the send of the war the new going on since at least the 1870s, quickened dromatically. By the mid-1970s British living standards were closer to those of the send the there was always a sufficient flow of the advanced industrial rations of northern Europe and North America.

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The City

But it was too consumed with its own affairs.

Nor did it find it neces-sary to explain itself. There lay the trap which was to spring with such significant effect a few years ago.

making. The financial centre of a country with a weak of a country with a weak 1974, and later the Equity economy and, more recently, a seriously weak currency, is bound to suffer. The City has not been an exception, National Enterprise Board. a seriously weak currency, is bound to suffer. The City has not been an exception, though its inherent strengths have enabled it to ride the storms of the past few years with some equanimity.

City as such) are whether courage self-regulation in the the financial system is captable of keeping its own house Six Harold Wilson's commorder, and whether the mittee may well be specific structure is the right one if on this point, notably on how

Progress made towards agreement

These are issues to which there are no quick answers. there are no quick answers. Its responsibilities as the However, there is evidence arbiter of the securities marthat some real progress is ket. Thus, if the assumption now being made towards once was that Whitehall agreement on how the future should be tackled. Given that as late as the mid-1960s the City had little idea of the sort of pressures which lay around the corner, this in itself may seem a reasonable achievement.

Joint review

achievement.

But if it is realistic to think we are now seeing the watershed, it is still too early

industry down on the basis that blame can be more truly laid at the door of political indecision on industral planning and the inability of

This sort of argument, however, leaves aside the point about whether the City should or could have done anything to improve ago set the City on its industrial efficiency and whether the funds that the private sector provided went into the man who almost a decade ago set the City on its heels with his accusation of unwarranted speculation. into the most needy hands. The author is Financial Edi-The institutional case for tor, The Times.

cency as the postwar controls such thinking outdated, resources still came off and the financial however, and naturally unimaginative community prepared to settle down to a way of life "faceless financiers", the much the same as that which had existed before the war.

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British industry is to be prothe Bank of England should vided with the sort of funds develop its regulatory powers it needs to reequip and within the financial commuwithin the financial commu-nity. Cartainly, self-regula-tion has some achievements nity. Carrainly, self-regula-tion has some achievements industry, it is industry in to its credit; the Takeover Britain. British firms are to its credit; the Takeover Panel, without any statutory powers, has become a force to be reckoned with in the area of mergers and bids; the Stock Exchange is now well aware that it must be seen to be keeping its own house in order and at the same time to be carrying out its responsibilities as the arbiter of the securities mar-

Joint review body to be set up

watershed, it is still too early to say what the outcome will be. It is only that the debate now going on between Whitehall, the City and industry appears to have some purpose. Ironically, the rumpus caused by the Labour proposals to nationalize major banks and insurance companies has clearly identified many of the issues.

The Government's response in the form of Sir Harold Wilson's Committee to investigate "the functioning of financial institutions" will, it is hoped, come up with positive ideas not only an how the financial sector.

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This beautiful to work overtime when much of the reward disappears in tax?

Perhaps the new attitude to personal tax will also be applied one day to savings. No one as yet seems prepared to do something about the effectiveness of the existing self-regulatory machinery.

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will, it is hoped, come up with positive ideas not only on how the financial sector can best maintain its international role which produces a major contribution to invisible earnings, but also how it can best service domestic industry.

On one hand, the Labour left sees such proposals as "the long-term answer to unemployment and lack of growth in this country" in that funds could be directed by the state into industrial investment.

That view has strong political overtones. But those apart, the City tends to reject accusations that it has let industry down on the basis that blame can be more truly laid at the door of political indecision on industral plan.

remains to be seen, though clearly much is going to depend on Sir Harold Wilson, the man who almost a decade

Industry

Changing attitudes

by Michael **Edwardes**

I suspect that few of us will be sorry to see 1976 go. But was it all entirely wasted? Certainly we as a nation failed to take positive action Certainly we as a nation working together.

failed to take positive action

Let us hope that precipitor solve the hard core of our tate legislation based on the troubles.

resources still remain in the destroy the great progress unimaginative straitjacker made in the recent past of government policy and when many attitudes have even our international com-changed for the better.

real progress in changing Public expenditure ac-basic attitudes at many counts for more than 50 per vestment committees which basic artitudes at many have brought real pressure levels — including the for change on a number of Government, the Opposition and the Civil Service.

can take no small comfort in the fact that there is a clearer understanding of the need for profit. Although the climate has not yet been of borrowing for industrial the climate has not yet been of borrowing for industrial created which will secure created which will secure to be almost created the subtraction of our inter-In the same way that the much needed substantial im double that of our inter-City does not see nationaliza- provements in profitability, tion of the major financial at least there is much more at least there is much more It is difficult to envisage widespread awareness of the the Chancellor's estimate of interdependence of profit capital growth, investment and crease to

employment One cannot emphasize too at the same time it would be stupied to pretend that the events of the past five years have not fundamentally sitered the course of the City in the future.

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> Managers bear brunt of taxation

incentives although we are still waiting for firm action by the Government. Mana-gers have borne the brunt of what can be described only as penal races of taxation. A reduction of top rates of per-sonal taxation from 83 per-cent to, say, 60 per cent could be achieved with little extra cost; the reward would be a tremendous boost to the morale of those people who have to take investment risks and drive projects through.

Few will deny that attitudes of management and shopfloor have become more realistic and that more and The author is chairman and the surface of the surface more workers are being in chief executive, Chloride volved constructively in stra- Group.

tegic decisions that affect their working lives. Managers who at one time re acted unfavourably towards employee involvement at plant level are now seeing the benefits of constructively

roubles. Bullock committee on Our salent and financial worker participation will not

the ceut of Britain's gross domesric product. Between 1951 and 1974-75 expenditure by housing increased from £2,130m to £21,808m. Whether one agrees with the increase or not, it has so be paid for. This causes high

> capital investment an in-crease of 191 per cent for 1977—being schieved these circumstances. Un-employment will rise fur-

not be easy to achiev We have had our year of reflection, of reappraisal. The optimists among us look to constructive action this year, to ensure that we are hetter placed to face the economic difficulties which will certainly be with us for

some time to come, We have a powerful indu leadership at national level, corporate level, and o the shopfloor.

Clearer view wealth creation

Our leaders have a head start, because the man in spective about the role of wealth creation than ever before. It is not beyond the bounds of possibility that 1977 will be the watershed which sees the reversal Britain's fortunes at the workface when changed attitudes towards producti vity—and that means doing something about Britain complex union structure and a tradition of restrictive practices that attempts to improve produc-tivity—will bring about the dramatic improvement we

action.

The present incidence of what our successful to do incentives?

Last year gave us a bridge between the past 20 years, and what could be a great future. There is greater recognition that policies or by workers.

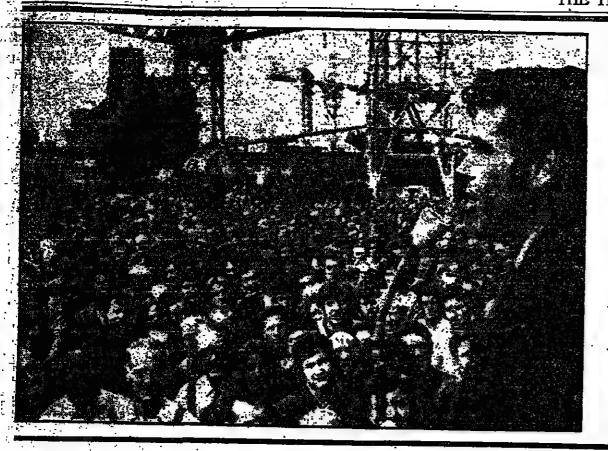
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The inability of the silent majority to restrain the activities of a handful of wreck. ers does not alter the fact that the climate for working together has improved demonstrably.

Tree solution recognition that policies recognition that policies which arise out of envy are as unhelpful as the effects of reactionary management—both have the effect of reducing the aspirations and standards of living of the nation as a whole. The country needs specific action to release its potential. Britain can and will deliver the

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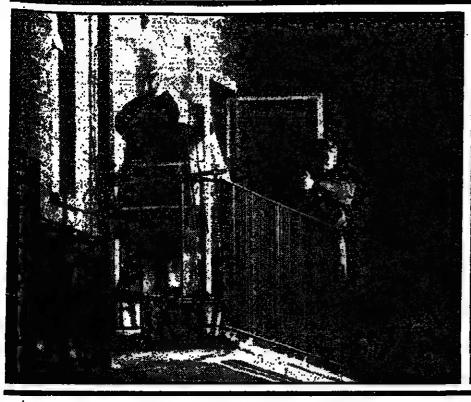
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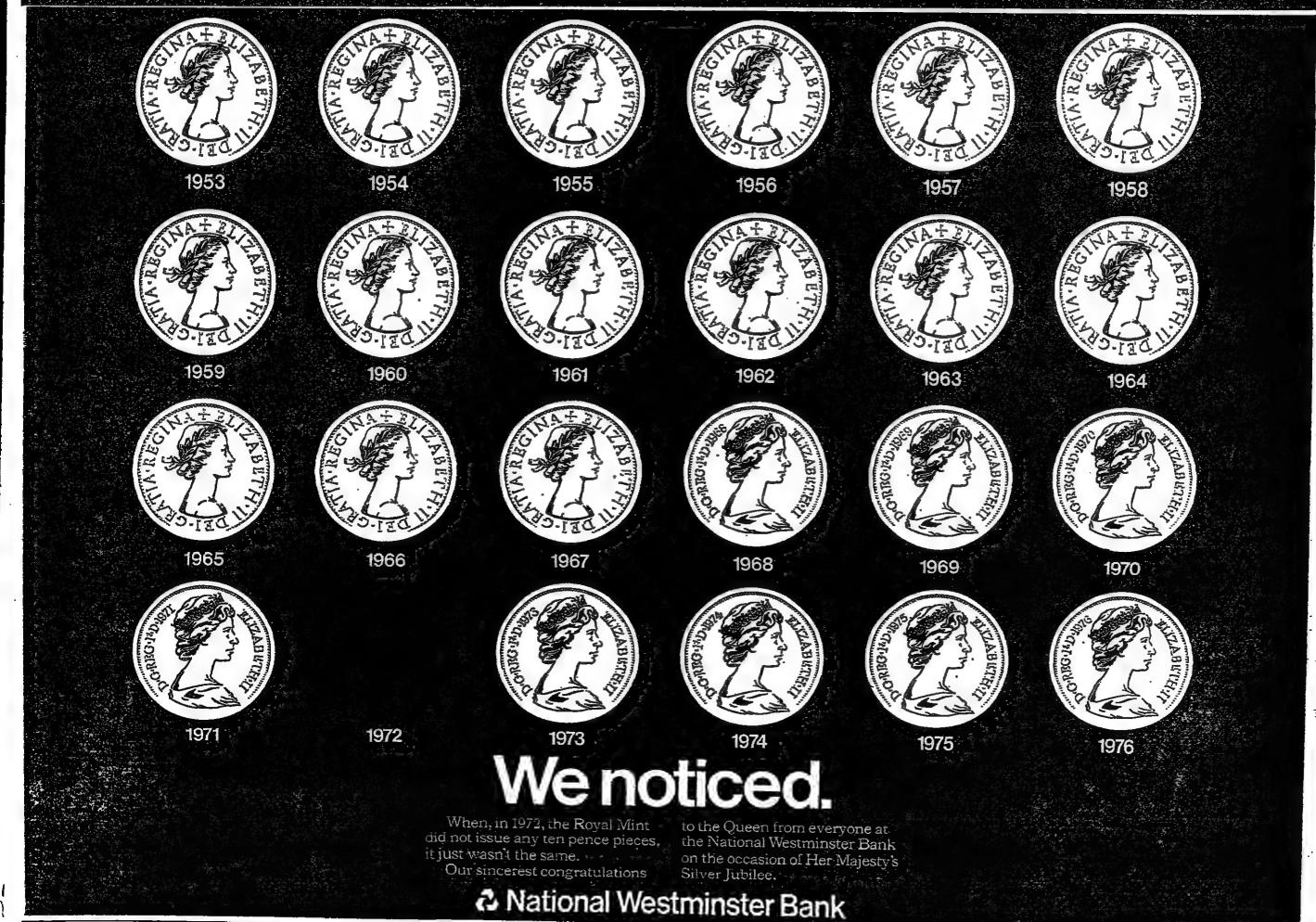
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POLITICS IN ABEYANCE

The Roman Catholic Bishop of Ardagh and Clonmernois, whose diocese is in the Republic of Ireland, made some fair political points in his widely publicized condemnation of British policy in Northern Freland, which he delivered out New Year's Day The security marking as before The security mixture as before (minus determine without trial), coupled with the temporary extinction of provincial representraive institutions and the absence of any new initiative from Westminster for their substitution, has indeed a tendency to produce some of the ill effects Dr Daly listed: "parties fragment, the best lose interest and opt out, the worst intrigue with passionate intensity. Politicians are upstaged by paramilitaries. Politics become discredited. All initiative is given over to men of

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If he believes all that and worse to be happening he is justified in proceeding to dub British policy or the absence of it, ungardonable and disastrous." But neither political reasoning not pulpit licence justifies his further embell'shment of his theme. "One has repeatedly denounced the IRA for mindless militarism, and for their total lack of credible political thinking. But official policy in the North begins stell to look more and more like a replica of this."

No initiative

molence"

The bishop follows the logic of every parlour revolutionary in equating force used for the pur-pose of subversion with force used by legitimate authority in accordance with law for the preservation of public institu-tions and public order. If he can no longer distinguish between these two types of application of-force in Ireland, his own Prime Minister should be sole to help him. And if, to his mind, a determination to uphold the authority of the state against violent challenge by an admit-tedly they minority of irreconcil-ables does not clear a govern-ment of the charge of "total lack of credible political thinking", again his own Prime Minister would have something useful to

But in truth Dr Daly can make these distinctions, and often has when denouncing the crimes of the Provisional IRA. He slips the other way of talking because even the least subversive and most peaceable of trish nationalists has instinctive reservations about the legitimacy of arre-momentum by British one reason for the fragility of Anglo-Irish accord on the suppression of terrorism.

It is true that there has been no ministerial initiative directed towards the restoration of provincial government in Ulster since the failure of the Convention to bridge the sectarian divide in the early part of last year. But that is not to say that it would have been better if there had been a new ministerial initiative of some kind, or that, in its absence, there has been no movement in the political context of Ulster's conflict. There has been quite a lot of movement, some of it favourable to

The Dublin Government now bears more heavily on the Pro-visional IRA and has rendered its territory a less easy sanctuary. It has not "rooted it out", an operation which, in the South as in the North, may be freely proposed but is to be performed only at huge political cost. But Mr Cosgrave's Government has made life much more difficult for the Provisionals without inflating public sympathy for them. In the North the deaths, injuries and damage caused by political violence in 1976 have been such as to make assurances about the efficacy of security operations sound unpardonably complacent. Yet it ought to be recorded that the policy of giving precedence to police work in the tracking of terrorists and proceeding against them through the ordinary pro-cesses of law—which is at this time the right policy to pursuehas achieved improving results.

The Peace Movement was spontaneous, has been courage-ously led, and is a needed source of hope. Unfortunately its influence is least apparent where there is most need of it. Its contribution is to sentiment and morale. It is not an instrument of politics. The political parties are becalmed, without elections, without a focus, without a function, and without a forum, apart from their under-represented presence at Westminster, which fifty years of parliament at Stormont taught Ulstermen to regard as secondary and remote. And it has to be admitted that Mr Rees's policy of leaving them alone to mull it over—a policy which his successor Mr Mason has continued by the conspicuous avoidance of anything to contradict it-has contributed more to divergence, fragmentation and confusion than it has to unity and clarification.

The main party representative of the Roman Catholic comsoldiers on Irish soil which is resolving at its annual conven- whole.

tion last month to call for a British declaration of intent to withdraw from the province-Sing Fein's policy, and perhaps Fianna Fail's, but assuredly not the SDLP's hitherto. The Unionist coalition is divided between those who would pay the London price for provincial government, which is to share power within it with the SDLP, those who hold out for a reconstituted Stormont, and those who would be satisfied for the time being with administrative devolu-

Lacking in support

The third of these courses was promoted by Mr James Moly-neaux, the titular leader of the 'Ulster Unionists at Westminster, in the debate on the second reading of the Scotland and Wales Bill. He said that Ulster was primarily interested in executive not legislative devolution; that that would satisfy Ulster's most urgent need for a return to provincial self-management, and that the problem of power sharing " would fall into place since the elected body would be organized like a metropolitan council in England working through all-party committees. It would be combined with full representation at West-minster. The idea has obvious attractions, but it falls, like other schemes, for lack of sufficient support across Ulster's com-munal divide. Nor would the necessary support be furnished by the Government's promotion of the policy.

In fact, the judgment that there is lacking at the present time the necessary support or consent for any identifiable alternative to the form of administration Northern Ireland now has, and the further judgment that the active promotion of any particular scheme by an English minister, in the manner of Mr Whitelaw, would spoil rather than enhance its chances of acceptance, and the further judgment that " direct rule " may not be applauded but is accepted better than was either Stormont or the fruits of Sunningdale in the preceding seven years, are, taken together, sufficient reason to leave constitution-making in shevance for the moment. The time for it will return before long: For the present there is enough for the British administration to do in the suppression of political violence, and in supporting the siling Illster economy to the limit of the constraints imposed by the ailing the SDLP, came close to economy of the kingdom as a

GROWING PAINS IN IRAN

There was no mistaking the bitterness fait in Teheran last month over Sandi Arabia's refusal to accept the new oil price desired by the majority of cal-exporting countries, and over Shalkh Yangar's announcement that the ceiling on Saudi oil production would be lifted. The tranian government newspaper, Rastukhiz, went so far as to accuse the Shaikh of taking orders from the United States rather than from King Khalid.

Such an accusation might seem surprising coming from a govern-ment which often proclaims itself the most reliable ally and guardian of Western interests in the Middle East and the Indian Ocean. Yet whatever its hostility to revolutionary socialism, and its unease about Arab nationalism, there can be no doubt that on the issue of the oil price iran is sincerely, indeed rervently, at one with the radical Arab states such as Iraq, Libya and Algeria, Shaikh Yamani, with a tiny population to feed and a vast financial surplus already accumulated, can afford the luxiny of worrying whether too sharp an increase in oil prices may help the Communist Party into power in France or Italy. The Shah of Iran; whose balance of payments ran into deficit last year, can worry only about how to satisfy the expectations aroused in thirty-four million Iranians by the dazzling chimera of oil-wealth and by his own past policies.

from in the past three years has made itself a kind of test case for an extreme hypothesis of development economics the strategy of the big push which was fashionable in the early days of development studies. This point was brought out last month at a Chatham House conference on Tran 1980-85: Problems and Challenges of Development", in a paper by Mr. Robert Mabro of St. Antony's College, Oxford. He pointed out that academically the "big push" theory had failed to survive two major criticisms:
"How could a poor third world' country finance compre- of oil revenues than expected for presided over it.

hensive and large scale investment programmes? Would an underdeveloped country be really underdeveloped if it could supply the organizational and technological talent, the skilled manpower and the institutional framework necessary to effect the big push?"

In Iran's case, the eightfold increase in oil revenues between 1972 and 1974, which raised per capita income to 1,360 dollars a year, effectively removed the first objection, and the Shah decided simply to ignore the second. Unfortunately the results suggest that the second objection was valid. The queues of ships and lorries at Iran's frontiers soon became pro-verbial. Cargoes of fruit went rotten and had to be thrown into the Gulf. Domestic prices soared, as did industrial wages, while agriculture—held back by administratively controlled food prices was rapidly drained of labour. Corruption and waste proliferated. The urban population grew much faster than houses could be built. The economy careered towards total chaos, and there were dangerous symptoms of social unrest.

The Shah has been quick to realize the dangers, and has lately begun to lecture his own people in the tone previously reserved for the degenerate Western democracies. His interview with Kayhan last November -the first ever given to an Iranian newspaper-showed a clear appreciation that growth in future would have to be more gentle and more carefully planned. Money alone cannot eliminate all the bottlenecks, perhaps the most serious of which are not the physical but the human ones—the lack of trained manpower and the failure to connect rewards with personal effort. In Mr Mabro's words again, "the danger of the oil exporting country is to become a rentier State which creates rentiers and propagates the rentier mentality

within the country". To that extent a lower level carry away the regime that has

the remainder of the decade might be thought a blessing in disguise. But Iranians can hardly be expected to see it that way. Like us, they are now having to embark on expenditure cuts—at a much lower standard of living, and with much more spectacular expectations to disappoint. Like us, they are finding that it is too often easier to cut productive investment than current expenditure on consumer goods.

Consumer goods include weapons. In their case, the consumers are the Shah himself and his armed forces, and they do not find self-denial at all easy. In 1975 Iran spent more on defence than any other developing country, and more as a proportion of her gross national product than any other except those directly involved in the Arab-Israel conflict. Since then there have been attempts to hold down the defence budger but (to the relief, no doubt, of British arms manufacturers) these have had little noticeable effect.

The Shah argues that his large armed forces and ultra-sophisticated weapons are necessary to resist Soviet expansion and subversion in the Gulf and the Indian Ocean, iust as his ruthless security police and summary justice are necessary to contain subversion at home. But Western military experts who have seen the Iranian armed forces operating in Dhofar are not convinced that expenditure on that scale is either necessary or effective. Nor for that matter are even sympathetic Western observers convinced that internal threats are such as to justify the degree of repression used in Iran. Indeed, could any threat justify the systematic torture, executions and other violations of human rights chronicled in the briefing paper recently published by Amnesty International?

Economic growth is certainly desirable, but it should be accompanied by progress towards a more humane and tolerant society. Otherwise the tensions that it generates must sooner or later erupt in violent form and

leading to a one party state. I want neither revolution nor stagnation, but changes allied to the world in mittees can only help. Yours faithfully,

which we live, and a chance to get on with the job. The reforms sug-gested by the Procedural Com-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The future of nuclear power

From Mr Geoffrey Johnson Smith, MP for East Grinstead (Con-Sir, Is it not time that you published an analysis of the prolonged correspondence on "Nuclear Power: danger and safety"?

From the moment Lord Roth-schild was told by the Principal and Vice-Chancellor of the University of Strathclyde that the Flowers Report Straticiyes that the Flowers Report (surely the most significant to be published by Government since the war?) had, stimulated him into an emotional outburst, we could have guessed that we were in for one of those scientific and intellectual "punch-ups" familiar to the readers of Nigel Balchin and C. P. Snow.

With respect to the eminent scientists to whom those of us who took part in our own calm debate in the early hours of December 20 are indebted. I suggest that laymen can now draw five conclu-

sions.

First, the problems are two important to be left to the scientists. They involve moral and ethical issues transcending technology. Secondly, the Government should embark upon and encourage a sustained programme of information telling people what is at stake. (Compared with the USA and Sweden we have an ill-informed

Thirdly, the Government should not be rushed into a decision to commit this country to fission power. There are far too many conflicting statements about the energy gap *,
Fourthly, notwithstanding the
above, nuclear waste already poses
problems which demand an acceler-

reprotests which temand an acceler-ared research programme in how to dispose of it safely, as the Flowers Report so clearly emphasizes. Fifthly, the cost of a future energy programme, whether we ake the nuclear road or not, will be prodigious.

Any realistic energy policy which must include far reaching energy conservation measures if it is to be afforded will involve the closest co-operation with our EEC permers. The Government and particularly the Secretary of State for Energy, Mr Tony Benn, will, I hope, grass this nettle for the sake of those who will come after us. Yours faithfully,

GEOFFREY JOHNSON SMITH. House of Commons,

Air fare structure

From Mr K. G. Braidwood From Mr K. G. Braidwood

Sir, As a director of a travel agency
I have strong sympathy with the
frustration Mr Jungs (December 18)
expressed with the absurd fare
structure operated by the international airlines. I do not join in his
welcome for Mr Laker's Skytrain.
The Skytrain bid will only compound the existing fare chaos.

The basic problem: which frus-

The basic problem; which frustrates Mr Junge, on the international airlines the world over is that there are few routes where the number of seats available on their sircraft does not vastly exceed the number of bottoms willing to fill them at existing fares. The in-ternational sirlines will not either compete with each other on prices, giving the absurd excuse that this would undermine safety, nor will they collectively agree to substantial and straightforward reductions in fares. The inevitable consequence of this evasion of the elementary fact of supply and demand is the flouting of the sirines rules throughout the world's sirine business. Indeed, this is actively connived at by the sirlines themselves.

Not only is this massively unfair to the majority of international airline customers who pay the pub-lished fares, it is a nightmare situation for the travel agent who abides by his commitments to, say, the Association of British Travel Agents and IATA. In their non-competitive attempts to get more passengers to fill their surplus seats, the travel agent now is instructed to deal with immensely complicated international fare structure. For instance there are 13 different IATA agree fares for the journey to New York, for an individual.

Moreover, the "legitimate" travel agent receives a growing spate of complaints from his customers who have found themselves sitting in-flight by a passenger who has paid up to 50 per cent less for his ticket on the "illegitimate" market. Naturally such a customer assumes that his travel agent has sold to him a ticket at immense pro-fit, compared with his co-traveller's

No, not Laker. There would be no need for his Skytrain if the international airlines put their houses in order. Let IATA confine itself to safety regulations and not act as a front to an international airline price cartel. Yours faithfully. KENNETH G. BRAIDWOOD, John Ferer Ltd., 54 Shepherd Market, Curzon Street, W.1.

European unity

December 20.

From Lord Lytton Sir, From your leader yesterday (December 29) we are reminded that France is not always wise. Sixty years ago she opted for 20 years of peace (Clemenceau) instead of the chance of perpetual peace. Twenty is all that Europe

From what you report, France seems now on the brink of opting for 40 years of power (fission instead of the chance of perpetual power (fusion). If that he so Europe must, albeit with extreme regret, opt out of France and leave ner alone with 40 years. As one who at baptism was stamped with the mark of my

farher's love of France (to mother's annoyance he took me to the four alone and called me "Noel"), I express the hope that someone with a name more like Napoleon may rise up and say " we do not refuse to fuse ". Yours faithfully, LYTTON. Lillycombe, Porlock, Somerset.

Christmas Day.

You will be poorer this year

From the General Secretary of a significant response. There is now the Electrical Power Engineers a growing demand for an effective Association '

Sir, In your amicle on December 23 "You will be poorer next year", you wrote of the violent changes in the financial circumstances of Britain's managerial and professional classes in the 1970s and you pointed out that a similar process afflicted the German middle class in the 1920s, destabilising German

As it happens I alluded to the same feature at the TUC Congress in September 1974. I then said:

"We cannot allow all those who exercise skill and responsibility in our society to have their standards continually undermined over a period of time. It was just this that happened in the inflation in Germany 40. years ago and paved the

We are still a long way from Fascism, even if history were to repeat itself, but it is useful that someone else is waking up to the fundamental polinical and social dangers inherent in the hugely dis-criminatory incomes' policies of recent years.

Since that speech the process of discrimination has gathered pace. The facts concerning our own membership are arresting enough. After allowing for the £4.00 a week increase due in February and the 15 per cent inflation anticipated by the Chancellon through 1077 per cent inflation anaccinated by the Chancellor through 1977, in the three years from February 1, 1975 to February 1, 1978, our members will have suffered a reduction in ner living standards, broadly speaking, of between 25 and 34 per cent—in three years!

You also said that "the professional and managerial trade unions have not been able to protect their members". Here, I disagree, both in general and in particular. In general because you assume that professional and managerial staffs are mostly in membership of trade unions, which is not so. In industry at large the great majority of them still do not belong to any union.

Encouragingly, but still falter-ingly, that situation is beginning to change. My own association, which is non political, has opened its doors to these staffs and has already found

trade union of strength and stand-ing in which these staffs would not be a small minority and which genuinely believes in defending their interests and championing their legitimate aspirations in society. What is necessary is for this demand to establish its organized expression right across industry without further delay.

I disagree in particular since the EPEA, which represents virtually the entire qualified engineering and managerial manpower in electricity supply, most certainly has the power to protect its members if we choose to use it.

We have consciously acquiesced in the £6 and £4 a week policies be-cause of the overriding necessity to reduce inflation and unemployment. Our first line of protection is, after all a sound economy.

However, the very success of the discriminatory features of these policies is beginning to militate against the successful regeneration of the economy. There is, anway, a limit to their acceptability. This limit, as it happens, is one we ourselves can apply if others will not.

Our annual conference last April that, reluctant as we are to exercise our power, the logical continuation of TUC and Government attitudes to the pay of skilled and professional people would inevitably force our association into major industrial action sometime (then) in the next two or three years.

There was, and is, still time for a change of course. But we were quite clear that we would "not choperate in the extinction of the skilled and professional workforce of this country, upon whom the whole economy depends".

The Government, in framing any further round of incomes policy, will be well advised to note carefully the views and feelings of the membership of the EPEA.

Yours faithfully JOHN LYONS, Station House, Fox Lane North, Chertsey, Surrey. December 31.

Soviet psychiatry

From Dr Sidney Bloch and

Mr Anthony Storr
Sir, Happily Vladimir Bukovsky is now free (Times, December 18). The "anti-Soviet crime" for which he was originally charged and sentenced was to rubiled the misuse. tenced was to publicize the misuse of psychiatry in the USSR for the suppression of dissent.

Another young dissident still remains interned in a Perm labour camp for his condemnation of the Soviet political use of psychiatry. Dr Semyon Gluzman, a psychiarrist him-self, initially attracted the attention of the authorities when he refused to take up an appointment in the Dnepropetrovsk Special Psychiatric Hospital, convinced as he was that healthy dissenters were interned there solely because of their views. Later, with two anonymous colleagues, he wrose a critical account of the psychiatric detention of Major-General Grigoranko.

The regime could not tolerate such outspoken criticism; in 1972 Glusman was charged with reading and circulating "anti-Soviet" material (in fact Solzhenitsyn's Cancer Ward) and received a savage sentence of seven years in a strict régime labour camp and three years of internal exile. Beyond doubt the real reason for the harsh punishment was to deter other psychiatrists from revealing further evidence of the psychiatric abuse.

While in the labour camp, Gluz-man has adhered staunchly to his principles. He has maintained an incessant campaign to have the rights of his fellow inmates respected. Amazingly, in association with Bukovsky, he prepared A Manual on Psychiatry for Dissidents in which he advises dissenter on how to deal with "police-psychiatrists". Earlier this year disquieting reports reached the West that he might be charged —while still serving his current term—with repetition of his anti-Soviet offences. That danger stirl

Western psychiatrists, including the Royal College of Psychiatrists,

have intermittently issued protests on their colleague's behalf. The need is now as great as ever for the pro-fession, and others, to press the Russian Government into releasing Gluzman forthwith; perhaps repeat-ing the arrangement in which detainess are exchanged. Yours faithfully, SIDNEY BLOCK, Clinical Tutor in Psychiatry,

ANTHONY STORR, Consultant Psychotherapist, University of Oxford. Department of Psychiatry, The Warneford Hospital, Oxford. December 18.

Police methods From Mr Peter Berkeley

Sir, Lest night my home was searched by seven police officers who entered wish a warrant hoping to find evidence of supplying hard drugs. None was found and they told me that the warrant had been issued on the information of a detained drug user, unknown to myself, who had overheard what he thought was my address. thought was my address.

The police behaved quite properly throughout and obviously realized that they had made a mistake. However, no spology was given for upsetting my family late at night, and the warrant gives them the sushority to again enter my house at anytime within the next month, and by force if necessary. Whilst believing that it is important that the police have sufficient powers to prevent the deadly traffic in hard drugs, it does

seem disturbing that innocent people can be subjected to the humilizing experience of having their homes rigorously searched on the basis of uncorroborated hearsay. Yours faithfully, PETER BERKELEY. 58A Marlborough Hill,

Middlesex. December 21.

Local government reforms From Mr Gareth Gimblett

Sir, In his letter today (December 29), Mr Trevor Jones quite rightly highlights the ludicrous constraints under which local government currently labours, but destroys his case for reform by proposing the well worn solutions of the Liberal Party, which in themselves will do little to change the present situa-

For, as Mr Jones says, what is needed is political, rather than administrative reform, but the creation of regional assemblies, the transfer of the powers of present county councils to the districts, the introduction of proportional repre-sentation and the institution of local referenda will make not one iota of difference to the present impotence of local authorities.

Indeed, such changes could well make matters worse, for the re-shuffling of functions between existing and new bodies as proposed by the Liberal Party would make local government even more removed from the electorate than it is at present

Rather than alter the structure of local government so soon after its last major upheaval, what needs to be done is to make the present system work. This most mean a complete reappraisal of the relativepowers of central and local government-powers to raise revenues, to determine priorities and the level of funding these priorities should receive. At present, central government has too great a control over these matters, so much in fact that the term "local government" has become a misnomer for "local administration ".

For too long has the assumption that central government knows best been allowed to stand unchallenged —Indeed, the reverse is probably true, for who better to decide local needs and the level at which these needs should be supported than the local community as expressed

through its various levels of local By all means let central government decide the minimum standards required for the various functions undertaken by local authorities, but then allow individual councils to decide at what levels greater than the minimum these functions should be sustained in a given locality. This is the way to make local gov-

responsive to the wishes of the But what hope is there of such reform in the present political climate? Precious little, Government's consultative document Devolution: The English Dimension is anything to go by, for this document is characterized throughout by the thinly disguised reluctance of central government to relinquish any of its present

ernment truly local and much more

Thus we read in the context of regional assemblies that the devourion of powers along the lines outlined above would "lead to possibly marked differences over short distances . . . could directly reduce the ability (of Ministers) to maintain national policies ... would fundamentally affect the ability of Ministers to account separately and collectively to Parliament for the policies, standards and priorities of the services they administer . . and would involve an enormous diminution of the role of Parliament

and its Members ". Such negative thinking inspires little confidence of any change, but the Government fears is precisely that which is needed to reinvigorate local government. Until this is recognized, no amount of juggling of the kind suggested by Mr Jones will cure the present

situation. Yours faithfully, GARETH GIMBLETT, 6 Park View Drive South, Charvil, December 29.

The Christmas and New Year break

From Mr Ernest Cars Sir, Much of the criticism now being made of the close-down by sections of the United Kingdom manufacturing industry over the period from Christmas Eve until after the New Year's Day Bank

The majority of companies involved have simply chosen to take part of their annual entitlement of holidays at this particular time. This makes good sense for two reasons:

1) The period between Christmas and New Year has, in the past, heen notorious for the high incidence of casual absenteeism. This when compounded by absenteeism the transfer of the transfer o due to genuine sickness (also very high at this time of the year), the disruption to manufacturing pro-

cesses requiring balanced teams is serious and costly.

2) Christmas to New Year is the time of the shortest days and inclement weather, when factory heating and lighting costs are around their maximum.

In our Group, we have nine individual manufacturing units, eight arranged to close during the period between the two Bank Holi-

period between the two Bank Holt-days, whilst one worked; yet all-have the same annual entitlement; for holidays. Euch subsidiary has the autonomy to arrange its holidays in accordance with its own trading : th accordance with its own trading circumstances and with the agreement of its work people. Those companies who have taken the extended break between Christmas and New Year have, in fact followed preferred Group policy. I believe our own situation to be typical of most in the British manufacturing industry.

facturing industry.

May I add, in case our preference be considered inspired by personal comfort, that our Group head quarters—a purely administrative unit with a small staff—has worked this week. this week: we had our AGM verter. day and I am dictain this letter to you on New Year's Eve!

ERNEST CARS, Chairman and Managing Director,
The Moss Engineering Group Limited. Birmingham. December 31.

From Mr Lionel J. Lewis

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Sir, We, in the legal profession, have
over the years taken a lot of stick
(although we know how to take it).

There is, however, a late member
of our profession who suffers still
from annual vilification without
anyone having actual regard to his
views. The present trend to extend
Chrismas into a formightly holiday
should cause a responsibility of there should cause a responsisal of that most distinguished solicitor, Mr. Ebenezer Scrooge.

The poor man had his faults. He

may have gone too far in wenting - to stay open over Christmas through - conscientiousness on behalf of his clients from whom there is no record of any complaint whatsoever. Onc must bear in mind that poor Mr. Scrooge was considerably over-worked following the death of his former partner, Mr Jacob Marley, but despite this Mr Scrooge was able to service his clients by sheer hard work and determination and with out taking tranquillizers or time off. in these circumstances one should forgive his bad temper which doubt less was caused by overwork and bad dreams.

As far as Christmas formight is concerned, we say: Christmas hum Yours faithfully. LIONEL J. LEWIS. Blackheath Village, SE3. December 31.

Right of trial by jury From Mr J. A. Seabrook

Sir, My correspondence some years sir, My correspondence some years ago with the Aylesbury Post Office may be relevant. I wrote that a nearby pillar box became overloaded with letters in the evening so that it was easy for anyone to put his hand in the box and take out any letters already there, and engagement that a larger here. suggesting that a larger box or a second box should be provided.

The reply was, in substance, that

the trouble was due to people posting too many letters in the box.

The Lord Chancellor and the Government now say that the cause of the congestion in the Crown. Court is due to too many people exercising their right of trial by

After all these years I do not expect anything to happen about the pillar box, but when the liberty of the subject is at stake we should insist on extra capacity in the Crown Courts and not be fobbed off with the right to receive in the court capacity in the court with the right to receive in the court capacity of the court capacity in the court capacity in the court capacity in the capacity summary cases advance copies of the prosecution evidence (even if the Government offer this concession). There is not only the immediate issue of retaining the right to jury trial but the question what other rights may one day be taken from us on the ground that we exercise them too much, Yours faithfully,

I. A. SEABROOK, Castle Street, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire,

Jubilee bonfires From Mr E. W. C. Symes

Sir, While countless local committees are considering how best to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with ... maximum effect and minimum expenditure, I ask that they do not overlook the inclusion of hilltop bonfires in their plans. This wanter thousands of diseased elms are being felled, and the branches are regarded as waste to be burnt in situ. Let them be reserved for carrying to the hilltop bonfire sites' during the coming months, and hundreds of impressive conflagrations will flame skyward on Jubilet night, at no costly outlay on fuel. . In 1588, under the first Elizabeth, irilitop beacons signalled the approach of the Spanish Armada—the bonfires lit for Elizabeth the Second may perhaps signed our ultimate triumph over no less threatening circumstances in 1977. -... Yours faithfully,

E. W. C. SYMES. Culmore, Kingston Deverill, Warminster, Wilshire.

From Mr B. M. C. Fogerty Sir, Your report on Mr Foot's evidence to the Parliamentary Committee on procedure (The Times, December Zi) fills me with gloom. If parsisar legislation is the essence of the British political process, then. I would suggest, the process is wrong Adversary politics, like adversary appling, assumes that one party layer the manopoly of wisdom

Adversary politics

and the ear of the people, and the others have neither. Can any party seriously claim that?

We see each day evidence of increased polarization in Parliament between the two major parties, tempered only by some smaller oppo-sition parties, some discredited politicians of right and left in both Houses, and a somewhat lonely executive facing the realities of government. There must be more common ground than this, without B. FOGARTY. 7 Eastlands Way. Oxted,



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 4: The Hon Mary Morrison has succeeded Lady Abel Smith as Lady in Wolding to The Queen.

CLARENCE HOUSE January 4: The Hon Mrs John Mulholland has succeeded Ruth, Lady Fermoy as Lady-in-Waiding to Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother.

The King of Spain is 39 today. The Duke of Kent will visit the Rotaprint factory, Kingsbury, Lon-don, in connexion with the British Overseas Trade Board's North London and Luton export conference on January 20.

The Duchess of Kent will launch a bulk carrier for Welsh Ore Car-riers at Austin and Pickersgill's shipyard, Sunderland, on January 18.

Birthdays today

Sir Kenneth Bradley, 73; Miss Stella Gibbons, 75; Sir Frank Hartley, 65; Dame Kathleen Kenyon, 71; Mr Bernard Leach, 90; the Right Rev Dr T. Long-worth, 86; Dr J. R. Feddie, 90; Major-General H. Quinlan, 71; Sir Bryan Sharwood-Smith, 78.

Marriages

Mr J. N. Brown and Mrs E. A. Skevens The marriage took place on December 31, in Cambridge, of Mr John Neville Brown, of Kettleburgh, Woodbridge, Suffolk, and Mrs Elizabeth Ann Skevens, widow of Samuel Frederic Skevens, of Beccies, Suffolk.

Mr R. D. Neame and Mrs A. Sarsfield The marriage took place on Tuesday, December 28, between Mr Richard Dewar Neame, of The Court House, Bishopsbourne, near Carterbury, and Mrs Anne Sars-

The marriage took place at the Church of St Fergus, Forfar, on December 31 between Mr William Roxburgh, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Willis Roxburgh, and Miss Susannah Don, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gavin Don. Father Sreedan officiated and the blessing was given by the Rev Anthony

The bride was attended by Miss Saily Don. Miss Katherine Chatard, Cecily Don. Corrine and Kirstin Simmers and Odon de Bellissen. A reception was held at Gardyne Castle.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Gloucester opens amusi conference of Council for Education in World Citizen-ship, Ficeabily Hotel, Loudon,

Exhibition: New South Wales stamps, Gibbons Gallery, 399 Strand, 9.30-4.30. Strand, 9-30-4-30.
Lecture: Michelangelo, by Audrey
P. Tyndail, Nacional Gallery, 1.
Lunchdme music: Celia Tope,
sopramo, end Garrett O'Brien,
placo, St Olave's Church, Hart
Street, City, 1.05. Symphony for 2,000 writers, 50 staff, and a computer "Like their earlier songs. 'Yesterday' has some of the

subtleties of clues, and one section is pentatonic, but it' beat, and the typical rock-and-roll ensemble is replaced by a string quartet."

string quartet."

That assessment of the Beatles is not the kind of information one would expect to elicit from Grove's Dictionary of Music and Musicians, even if the tone is familiar, but such entries will figure prominently in the new edition of the musicians' standard reference guide, at present being prepared at a cost of about £2.5m.

The new Grave, the sixth

Forthcoming

marriages

and Miss R. M. B. Reitman and miss k. m. b. Reitman
The engagement is announced
between Robert Keith, eldest son
of the Hon Keith Rous and tha
late Hon Mrs Pardoe, and Roseanna, younger daughter of Mrs
Francis Reitman and the late
Francis Reitman, Duck House,
Fivehead, Taunton, Somerset.

Mr W. R. Andrewes and Miss J. Z. Webster

ann Miss J. Z. Webster
The engagement is announced between William Richard, younger son of the late Mr L. R. Andrewes and of Mrs Joan Andrewes, of the Old House, Combe, Oxford, and Jill Zilpah, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs I. H. Webster, of Frithsden, Forest Row, Sussex.

Mr R. M. Denman and Miss J. H. Dods

The engagement is announced be-tween Richard, younger son of Professor and Mrs D. R. Denman, of Cambridge, and Jacqueline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs J. E. Dods, of Upminster, Essex.

M P. J-G. Gudin and Miss M. J. Stephenson Clarke and Miss M. J. Stephenson Clarke
The engagement is announced
between Philippe, son of Dr and
Mme Gudin, Château de St Hilaire,
St Hilaire-en-Morvand, Nièvre, and
Marylynn, only daughter of Mr
Robert N. Stephenson Clarke,
Borde Hill, Haywarde Heath,
Sussex, and Mrs Nidja Clarke, of
53 Abingdon Villas, Kensington,
London, W8.

Mr R. P. Langton and Miss A. F. Sturge The engagement is announced between Robin, son of Captain and Mrs J. S. Langton, of New-lands, Headley, Bordon, Hampshire, and Alson, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. H. Sturge, of The Brew House, Upper Eashing, Surger,

Captain R. D. Shaw Brown, RHA, and Miss L. M. D. Moger The engagement is announced between Roderic, younger son of Mr and Mrs W. Shaw Brown, of Hepworth, Diss, Norfolk, and Lavinia, daughter of Mrs C. E. R. Moger, of Petersfield, Hampshire, and Mr R. V. D. Moger, of Dittisham, Devon.

Mr N. J. Trabouisi and Mrs S. S. P. J. Khashoggi and ners 5. F. J. Massinggi.
The engagement is announced between Nabil, younger son of Mr and Mrs Najib Traboulsi, of Lebanon, and Soraya, only daughter of the late Stephen Jarvis Daly and the late Mrs F. Hollis. humble single volume in mind (even that ended up as four) will stretch to about 20 volumes, encompassing a wider variety of musical genres, musicians and composers in greater depth than has been attempted before. Its publication will coincide with the centenary of the first edition, and represents the cumulative efforts of 2,000 countbutors and 50 full-2,000 commitment and 50 full-

time staff over six years. "A revision of the old Grove simply was not on ", Mr Stanley Sadie, editor of the new dictionary, said. "There has been an unprecedented explosion in musicological scholarship in the past two decades. Besides it was The new Grove, the sixth the dition of the work Sir George Grove founded in 1878 with a when it was compiled, were

and Miss B. M. J. Goodall
The engagement is announced between Anthony John, only son of Mr and Mrs A. J. Abbott, of Toronto, Canada, and Emma Mary Jane. eldest daughter of Mr J. B. W. Goodall, of Rio de Janeko, Brazil, and Mrs J. M. Goodall, of Beggar's Roost, Berkhamsted, Hertfordshire.

The engagement is announced between Adrian Jereny, younger, son of Mrs. Margaret Blows, of Newton, Swansea, and the late Mr.

Raigh Blows, and Joanna Rosa-lind, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Rhuddian Gething, also of

The engagement is announced between Peter George Dore, of Tipme, and Nicola Tamaris Feduchin, of Lymington, Hamp-

The engagement is sunounced between Michael, eldest son of Mr

and Mrs Geoffrey Everington, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Belen, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Gaudencio Romero, of Lazcano, Guipuzcoa, Spain.

the engagement is announced between Robert, son of Mr and Mrs Boris Gussman, of Bolney, Sussex, and Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr R. A. K. Nevitt, and the late Mrs Nevitt, of Boar's Hill. Oxford.

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Major D. W. Lodge, RE, and Mrs Lodge, of Sharjah, the United Arab Emirates, and Tanka Kerensa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. A. Wetson, of Restronguet, Falmouth, Conwall.

The engagement is announced between Arthur George, only son of Mrs Evelyn Nicholson, of Runcton, Sussex, and Margaret, only daughter of the late Ven R. J. Tree and of Mrs R. J. Tree, of Golden Grove, Dyfed.

and must be to Guinnam
The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Colonel
and Mrs Guy Stocker, of SHAPR,
Belgium, and Lindy, daughter of
Mr and Mrs Peter Gaisman, of
Church House, Kirdford, Sussex.

and Miss L. G. C. Gaisment

The Rev R. W. S. L. Gossman and Miss E. B. Nevitt

Mr P. Lodge and Miss T. K. Watson

Mr A. J. Abbott and Miss E. M. J. Goodail

Mr A. J. Blows and Miss J. R. Gething

Mr P. G. Dore and Miss N. T. Feduchia

Mr M. G. Everington and Miss M. B. Romero

A third of the articles in the new edition has been written by Americans, and another third by Germans and other Continental scholars, thus redressing its present English bias. Ribliographies ore generally.

The new Grove's dictionary of music will run to 20 volumes and cost about £500

four times as long as in the present edition, and composers' present entron, and composers work-lists give manuscript numbers and exhaustive archival detail, which, it is hoped, will cast light on such thorny areas as the authenticity and dating of works by Haydn and Hayden.

Handel.

"Whereas the old dictionary tended to limit itself to an historical survey of music, the new one delves into the functions and origins of musical forms, and traces methodically

and Miss A. J. Boilungs
The engagement is aumounced between Robin Michael Haswell, only son of Mr and Mrs Haswell, only son of Mr and Mrs Haswell, of Dawcross House, Dawcross, Harrogate, Yorkshire, and Ann Julia, eider daughter of Mr and Mrs C. B. Bullough, of 216 Liverpool Road South, Maghull, Liverpool.

The engagement is announced between Douglas John, elder son of Mr and Mrs H. D. Dales, of

Beckenham, Kent, and Geraldine, only danginer of Mr and Mrs D. Ashley Courtenay, of South Aus-bersham, Midburst, Sussex.

and miss S. F. Bent The engagement is announced between Patrick Haslett, son of the late Major P. H. Freke Evans, of Cambridge, and Susan Penelope, daughter of Major and Mrs G. Kent, of Furzen Lodge, Abinger Common, Surrey.

The engagement is amnounced be-tween Paul Adrian Hunter, elder son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Hello-

son of Mr and Mrs C. R. Actionway, of Briar Cottage, Wadhurst, Sussex, and Alexandra Katharine, younger dengineer of Mr R. L. Threlfall, OC, and Mrs Invelfall, of Pebble Hill House, Limpstield,

Mr M. K. H. Ostoche and Miss P. A. Shepherd-Cross

The engagement is announced between Michael, eldest son of Mr and Mrs H. E. T. Ostoche, of Tara, Langton Matravers, Dorset, and Penelope, daughter of Major and Mrs T. R. Shepherd-Cross, of Steephill, St Saviour, Largette

The engagement is announced between Charles Herbert, elder son of Captain Blake Parker, of Whyston, Steep, Petersfield, Hampshire, and Victoria Kathleen.

elder daughter of the late Richard and Julia Scott, and niece of Sir James and Lady Scott, of Rother-field Park, Alton, Hampshire.

The engagement is announced between James Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Tabor, of Farthings Farm, Glasconbury, Somerset, and Jennifer Caryll, daughter of Mr B. R. C. Freeland and the late Mrs Freeland, of Overstream House, Heytesbury, Willibirg.

Lord Leicester's £11m

A further grant of probate in respect of aettled land valued at £11,218,926 has been issued in the estate of Lord Leicester, the fifth earl, of Holkham Hall, Norfolk, in addition to unsettled active elements whiled \$2.585.126

estate already valued at £95,136, making a total of £11,314,062.

Marking a soul of £11,514,062.

Mirs Ruby Nellie Oswald Wallace, of Kingston Hill, Surrey, left £187,862 net. After various bequests she left the residue equally between the Imperial Cancer Research Fund and Guide Does for the Blind Association.

Mr Clayton Conyers Morrell, of Christchurch, left £67,348 net.

After bequests of £7,500 he left

After bequests of £7,600 he left two thirds of the residue to Providence (Row) Night Refuge and Home, London, and one third to St Anthony's Convent children's home, Aidershot.

Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty not disclosed):
Adoock, Miss Winifred Florence, of Overstrand, Norfolk £205,320

Karpeles, Dr Mand Pauline, of Belgravia, London, president of the International Folk Music Council £16,554

Council ... £16,554
Middleton, Mrs Sybil Pauline
Marguerite, of Hentield £293,473

Wortley-Talbot, Mrs Norah, of Paignton ... £128,028

of Windsor. Canon Dumper was

Dean and Vicar of St. Andrew's

Cathedral, Singapore, from 1964

Other appointments include:

Diocese of Carlisle

Mr C. H. Purker and Miss V. K. Scott

Mr J. P. Tabor and Miss J. C. Freeland

Latest wills

Mr R. M. H. Alder and Miss A. J. Bolleugh

Mr D. J. Dales and Miss G. Courtenay

and Miss S. P. Kent

The new work also tackles exhaustively- musical epochs that are traditionally neglected "our coverage of the Renaissance is much fuller than anyone would have dreamed possible twenty years ago"—and store twenty years ago —and musical areas, such as Latin America and the Far East. Modern music, from jazz to electronic, finds a place. "They are just as much a part of contemporary music as Benja-min Britten, Mr Sadie said, "although they are not covered at as much length because you

do not turn to Grove for that kind of thing." Editing a work of the new Grove's dimensions has called for prodigious efforts of coordination by Mr Sadie, who

has managed none the less to sustain jobs as a music critic for The Times and editor of Musical Times. He has been helped by an advisory panel of twenty eminent music scholars, and a computer-

The dictionary's expected price of £500 or more is bound to price many music lovers out of the marker. Bur the work promises to be original and in-novatory. Mr Harold Macmil-lan, president of Macmillan, the publishers, has taken a strong personal interest in seeing it through. "A dictionary's job is to record received knowledge." Mr Sadie said, "although in this case much of it has been freshly received by us."

The new Grove will be the closest to a definitive compendium of music produced to date.

Community-centre role for libraries urged

A change in the conventional role of the public fibrary to make it a centre of community activity is called for in a report on public libraries in a multicultural Britain published today by the Library Association.

Association.

Many members of minority groups, it says, view the public library, as they do other public offices, with a mirrore of missiving, doubt and suspicion, " and so it calls for some determination to enter the library in the first process and them to some process.

The report was introduced at a press conference yesnerday by Mr Eric Clough, former city librarian of Southampton, who is working on the provision of public library services for ethnic minorities.

It says libraries could offer a wider range of books, newspapers.

wider range of books, newspapers, sound recordings, films and other audio-visual materials. They could provide facilities for community activities; go out into the community with small entitytions and talks; make small collections of books available to community associations and meet community

Provision needs to be made to bely West Indians with their

special language difficulties; many west Indians and their children speak a dialect more than adequate for their everyday needs but it is a handicap when it comes to speaking, reading and writing standard English.

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The report says public library services should be of particular value in providing an information service to members of minority ethnic groups who are strangers in a strange land, baffled by the complexities of our society.

The library could be of inestimable value in helping to resolve those perplexities, perhaps as a reference centre for the many specialized public information centres, but that opportunity is often missed, and reference and information services are rarely used.

For children, the seed for some knowledge of their own cultural, social and historical background is of even greater significance than for their parents; for many, books are the only substitute for experience. The case for providing books

ence... The case for provining hooks for children in their mother tongues is overwhelming where there is proved need and demand. Copies of the report, published as a leaflet, can be obtained free from the Library Association, 7 Ridgmount Street, London WCIE 7AE.

Dinners

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers' Company
The Installation Court service of the Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers'
Company was held at the Church of St James, Garlickhythe, yesterday evening, when Canon Richard Tydeman gave an address. Afterwards dinner was held at Painters' Hall. The speakers incinded Mr J. Dundas Hamilton and Mr G. Bernard Audley. Sir Kenneth Selby was among the guests. The new Master of the company is Mr G. A. Ross Goobey and the Wardens are Mr Rodney C. A. FitzGerald, Mr C. G. Givvins, Mr L. G. Mayhew and Mr J. W. T. Amey.

London Court of Arbitration The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriffs and their ladies, were Sheriffs and their badies, were present at the annual dinner of the London Court of Arbitration, held at the City Livery Club yesterday evening. The chairman, Mr Leslie B. Prince, presided, and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor and Mr J. F. Phillips, President of the Institute of Arbitrators. President (

Arbitrators.
Mr Clifford A. L. Clark was installed as chairman of the London Court of Arbitration for 1977, with Mr R. G. Scriven as deputy chairman, and Mr F. N. Steiner as vice-chairman.

Sherlock Holmes Society οž London The annual dinner of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London, given this year the canonical title of the Reigats Jubilee, was held at the Charing Cross Hotel last night. Mr Frank Allen, chairman of the society, was in the chair.

of the society, was in the chair, and the guest of honour was Mr Macdonald Hastings. Mrs P. Dalma also spoke. Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Mr Michael Ward, MP for Peter borough, to be parliamentary private secretary to Mr Judd, Minister for Overseas Development. Professor Watter James, dean of educational studies. Open Univer-sity, to be principal of the College of Higher Education, Worcester, from September 1.

Prospective candidate Mr David Dearing, aged 49, an accountaint, of Winchmore Hill. London, to be prospective Liberal candidate for Essex South-east. At candidate for Essex South-east. At the 1st general election Sir Ber-nard Braine, Conservative, had a majority of 8,710 in a three-

Career training award Wiltshire County Council is to establish an award, the Certificate of In-Service Training (Careers Education and Guidance), for leachers who successfully complete SEVED ODE-Week course

Metal-detector users damage historic sites

From Our Correspondent Bournemoum
Action to curb treasure hunters
using metal-detectors who have
damaged archaeological sites in
Dorset is suggested by Mr Roger
Peers, curator of the Dorset
Natural History and Archaeological Society.

logical Society.

In a report to the county council's standing conference on countryside matters, he suggests that people should watch out for treasure hunters on scheduled sites and warn them off and take their

car numbers.

Badbury Rings and Maiden Castle have been emaged, he says, and 18 treasure hunters were found at a scheduled Roman villa on Purbeck.

Peak cavern to open at Easter

Poole's Cavern, near Buxton, Derbyshire, a showplace since Roman days, is to reopen to the public at Easter after being closed for 11 years. Mr Selwyn Jepson, the resort activities manager High Peak, said yesterday that experts had been surprised to find that stalagmites had formed on the footpath of the 1,000ft-long

"There is a meory that they grow an inch every 10 thousand years, but here we have stalagniles of two or three inches formed in 11 years." The cavern

£300,000 gift for Bible fund

A £300,000 gift has been made by the Bible Society to help to start a scripture supply fund for parts of the world with special needs. The fund, of £700,000, is being established by the United Bible Societies. It will provide advance finance in countries, such as long delay between scriptures being ordered and being paid for.

Clitton College

The Lent Term at Clifton begins today with 654 boys in the upper school and 504 in the preparatory school. Head of school is N. R. Gerard-Pearse (Dakins') and second head of school J. H. Hamett (North Town). The weekend conference for parents of GCE candidates is on February 12 and 13 and the spring concert at the candidates is on February 12 and 13 and the spring concert at the Colston Hall is on March 15, when the chorus of Clifton College, Clifton High School and Badminton School will perform Beethoven's Mass in C. Term ends on March 23.

Dr Ernst Wigforss, who was Finance Minister in several Swedish social democratic cabinets between 1925 and 1949, died on January 2. He was regarded as one of the architects of Swedish economic

Science report

Surveying: Tunnel for accelerator

The proton accelerator at Ceru, however, had to be even more precisely constructed. Housed in a tunnel that is circular in plan, covering a radius of 1.1 kilometres, the accelerator is under sently undulating terrain. The

The new particle accelerator just brought into operation at the European centre for nuclear research (Cern), near Geneva, is not just pushing back the fronders of physics. The tunnel in which it is boused has called for bitherso unheard-of precision in surveying and drilling, in a recent report Dr J. Gervaise, of Cern's survey group, has described how such high precision was achieved.

The survey began on the surveying along the tunnel time to be right first time.

The survey began on the surveying and of the circle was not to change by more than meridian.

A laster guided the boring machine on its path ahead. As tunnel night deviate from a circle by considerably more. Much of the tunnel grew, it was possible to see how far it deviated from the tunnel was being bored, and the tunnel was being bored, and the tunnel than to be right first time.

The survey began on the sur-

By Nature-Times News Service Source: Cern report, 76-19 CNature-Times News Service, 1977

It was in every way a diffi-cult period, marked by changes in both criminal justice and Police accountability, and it was for him a major achievement that he should emerge from it with the respect and even the affection of lawyer and policeman alike. By the time of his retirement he had assumed an importance and an influence in Scotland Yard that he was too modest to recognize. Not at all surprising, in view of his earlier

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own department.

career, was the warm respect and affection he enjoyed in his

R. M. writes:

Perhaps the most appropriate tribute to "Cappy" Lane, and certainly one he would have accepted with as much humour as disbelief, is that his death on December 29 brought to many politemen and lawyers a genuine sense of shared loss. Since 1965, until has retirement last June, he had been Solicitor to the Metropolitan Police, heading a department of 50 lawyers and responsible for advising three successive Commissioners on all prosecutions not the responsibility of the Director of Public Prosecutions. It was in every way a difficult period, marked by changes in beth criminal swifes and marked by changes in beth criminal swifes untimely death in the volunteered for the RAAF as soon as war broke out and piloted bombers and fighters in the Middle East and England. He was awarded the DFC after landing a shot-up bomber in lan

His wife's untimely death in April, 1974, had a profound effect on him from which he never really recovered.

A keen athlete, a member of the MCC, an embusiastic travel-ler, he had countless friends in ler, he had countless triends in whom he inspired real affection. Perhaps even more significant, in a difficult and contentious role, he could oppose without offending and was incapable of maintaining or provoking malice, much less make CRP voking malice, much less enmity. He was made CBE before his retirement. He gave An Australian, he took a First much to the Metropolitan Force in Law at Sydney University while learning to fly privately.

Defore his retirement. He gave much to the Metropolitan Force by whom he will be greatly missed.

Service during the war and he also played his part in get.

1947 he became the RAF representative on the Rugby Football Union and in season 1958-

59 he was honoured with the

ledge of rugby matters, mack

him a popular president and a favourite figure in rugby club circles. His brown bowler hat which be always wore whatever

the season or occasion, became

a familiar sight in the Commit-tee Box at Twickenham

Jimmy surveyed the scene he so

much loved and of which he

became over the years so much

a part. He was a great racon-teur with a fund of RAF and

got that it was the players

who made the game not the

In the last five years of his

bur he suffered much from 11-

health, having lost a leg in a

motor accident. He, nevertha-

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MR P. H. G. H-S.

complaining. He will be mis

administrators,

rugby anecdotes which helped while away the time on journeys to matches. He never for

WING COMMANDER JAMES LAWSON

MR E. O. LANE

Former Solicitor to the

Metropolitan Police

N. C. writes: Wing Commander James he also played his part in get-Lawson died just before Christ-mas at the age of 81. His the RAF when war ended in death meant that the Royal Air 1947 he became the RAF repre-Force Rugby Union lost one of its staunchest supporters and the Rugby Football Union a long-serving administrator and presidency of the RFU.

a past President.

Jimmy Lawson was a character in the old-fashioned sense.

affectionately known to his His friendly, out-going manner many friends, was commissioned coupled with his deep known many friends, was commissioned into the Royal Flying Corps in 1918 having previously served in the Fusilier Regiment which he joined from Cambridge University. After the 1914-18 War he stayed on in the Royal Air Force as a regular officer, re-tiring in 1930. On the outbreak World War II he was recalled to full time service, re-tiring for the second time in the 1946. Later that year he accepted the newly-created post of Director of Sport for the Royal Air Force, an appointment he held until 1961.

He had a deep and abiding passion for rugby football, as a player for Richmond, a referee who knew how to let the game run, and a top administrator. He became Honorary Secretary of the Royal Air Force Rugby Union in 1923, a post he held until the outbreak of the Second World War. With Cyril Gadney and others he helped keep the game going in the

ard at Haydock Park from 1928

He was also a well known owner and had won the Park Hill Stakes with Fury; the Man-

chester Cup with Moneybox and

two successive National Hunt Handicap Steeplechases

Teme Willow. His best win was with Royal Frolic—trained

by Fred Rimmell-in the Chel-

tenham Gold Cup, last March. He married, first, in 1921. Aileen Mary, elder daughter of Captain J. E. Rogerson. They had one son and three daugh-

ters. His first wife died in 1967 and he married, in 1968, Mrs Angela Mary Bromley, widow of

Richard Nightingale Bromley. His son, John Edward Wyndham

DR ERNST WIGFORSS

recovery during the prewer

gramme, which gave high priority to maintaining full

Princess Margaretha, widow of Prince Axel of Denmark,

died on Tuesday at the age of 77. She was born in Stockholm on June 25, 1899, a daughter of

Prince Carl and Princess Inge-

borg of Sweden. She married Prince Axel in Stockholm in 1919. He died in 1964.

Mrs Olive Dicfenbaker, wife of former Canadian Prime Minister Mr John Diefenbaker,

died on Wednesday at the age
of 73. She was Olive Evangoline, daughter of the Rev Dr
C. B. Freeman, and she married
Mr Diefenbaker as his second

Professor William Christopher Miller, Courtauld Professor of Animal Husbandry, Royal Veterinary College 1935-

46 and Director of the Equine Research Station of the Animal Health Trust, Newmarket, 1946-

66, died on December 17. He was 78.

wife in 1953.

denression.

Hanmer, succeeds him.

SIR EDWARD

HANMER HARTLEY Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Edward the 7th Baronet. Educated at Wellington College he served the First World War in the Shropshire Ycomanry and the Royal Air Force, flying over 100 targets in Ostend. Bruges and Zeebrugge. Later he was a JP for Flintshire of which coun he became High Sheriff in 1932 On his estate in the Marches he had a stud and cattle farm and was Master of Sir W. W. Wynn's Hounds from 1946 to 1953. A devotee of the turf he was a member of the Jockey Club and the National Hunt Committee and was Senior Stew-

at Eron from 1922 until 1956. and a housemaster from 1933 until 1951. During the Second World War he served on the staff, and later with military government in Italy, being made OBE in 1945. He was Master of the Ironmongers Company in 1953-54.

SIR JOHN SIMPSON

More ought to be recorded of Sir John Simpson's contribution to the success of Organization and Methods in the Civil Service and to the fact that his contribution from the Treasury from 1944-53 led to the "sincerest form of flattery" which local government and private enterprise subsequently paid-by their ever widening adop-tions of O & M and the proliferation of the underlying wisdom which caused O & M to be made welcome by line management, as being no inter-ference with line authority, but rather as an effective service by staff officers having a very wide experience and above all, under-

Pirst as deputy director am then as director he brought from his already wide experi-ence in the Civil Service all that respect which he enjoyed from the Permanent Secretary and the chief establishmen officers in many departments.
At all levels he emanated grounds for confidence that the advent of an O & M team was He and I overlapped and I had thus occasion to admire

ment Services of the Civil Service Department of today will have had good cause to do

Main Rousseau Bocher, the dress designer who created the wedding gown of the Duchess of Windsor, has died in Munich at the age of 86. Mainbochere as he was known professionally. had his own design house in the United States and had



Mr Timothy Bevan, left, deputy chairman of Barclays Bank, banding over the box of recently discovered Byron and Shelley manuscripts to Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library, where they are to be deposited on indefinite loan. With them is Dr D. P. Waley, keeper of the department of manuscripts.

Output of ITV doubled

Weekly transmissions by the casting Authority's annual hand-average independent relevision book, published yesterday. It notes company have doubled in the past that there are about 13,000 per-doubled in the past that there are about 13,000 per-manent employees in independent company have doubled in the past 20 years to nearly 93 hours. "Informative" programming, that is, news, current affairs, adult education, religious and A review of the first 21 years of independent broadcasting appears in the Independent Broad-

broadcasting, of whom 11,000 work for the television programme com-panies, 1,300 for the IBA and 1,000 for independent local radio. Television and Radio 1977 (Inde-pendent Broadcasting Authority, 1TP, 247 Tottenham Court Road, London WIP 0AU; £1.87; or from newsagents or booksellers, £1.40).

spectacular!

EARLS COURT-6th/16th IANUARY

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it's like a trip to the coast, for this marine wonderland of boats,

equipment and accessories, finds its harbour theme at the

exciting new boating and leisure centre of Brighton Marina. It's a getaway place for everyone, a perfect haven for boating

with features of interest for all the family.

Church news

New bishop suffragan

Canon A. C. Dumper, Vicar of St Peter's, Stockton, diocese o Durham, has been appointed Bishop Suffragan of Dudley, dlucese of Worcester, in succession to the Right Rev M. A. Mann, who was appointed Dean

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Jan 4 From The Times of Friday, Jan 4, 1952
Madrid, Jan 3.—The imminent signing of a bilateral yact between the United States and Spain is heralded today by the three Madrid morning newscopers on the strength of a statement which Mr Paul Forter, acting head of the Mutual Security Agercy in Europe, gave to American correspindents during his three-day visit to Madrid at the new year. The arrangement will have both economic and military aspects. After approval by President Truman and General Franco (who is known to have rejected any suggestion of have rejected any suggestion of political conditions) the arrange-ment could come into force within ment could come into force within 90 days when the first grant from funds believed to amount to \$100m—the figure proposed by Senator MacCarran—could be made available to "pain. The American plan to enlist Spam as a junior partner in western defence is described as an alliance for mutual aid, and credit is given to the Candillo for his "personal success" in obtaining ilmancal assistance without placing a mortgage on his people's political freedom.

La Scala opera on TV The premiere of a new production of Bellini's opera Norma is to be transmitted from La Scala. Misas, on the Eurovision link on BEC2 on January 18.

European centre for miclear research (Certh, near Geneva, is not just pushing back the frontiers of physics. The tunnel in which it is boused has called for hitherto unheard-of precision in surveying and drilling, of Cern's survey group, has described how such high precision was achieved.

Ever since Roman times tunnel-ling has required great skills in surveying and civil engineering. Present-day practice in making road tunnels, for instance, calls for different sections to join with

nowever, had to be even more precisely constructed. Housed in a tunnel that is circular in plan, covering a radius of 1.1 kilometres, the accelerator is underground circle. The machine need for that purpose had to be guided by something more precisely itself is 4 metres in diameter and more than 2 which would have been influenced three circle.

The deviation in the vertical plane was not permitted to exceed 0.15mm, and in the horizon around the innel that apparents. circle.

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The survey began on the surface with the establishment of six equally spaced points around the circle. High-precision surveying equipment was used to keep errors to the required minimum. Shafts were then drilled and the six surface reference points marked out very accurately at the bottom of each.

was used. Every 32 metres around the tunnel that apparatus

positions.

As the survey proceeded it was found that no magnet support had to be uprooted; the most the position of any magnet had to be adjusted was 8mm. It turned out that the circle around which the protons were to pass was accurate to within 2.5mm in radius everywhere, and around the circle the radius deviated from magnet to magnet by no more than half the 0.15mm, which had been the design criterion. As a result, when the accelerator was switched on for preliminary tests on May 3, 1976, it worked first time.

By Nature-Times News Service

The Ven Hubert Arthur Stanley Pink, Archdeacon of Hampstead, 1964-74 and subsequently Archdeaton Emeritus, died on December 22 at the age of 71. From 1951 to 1965 he was rector of Hackney.

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Mr Percival Hubert Graham Hanmer, Bt, dien on New Year's Horton-Smith Hartley, OBE, Day at the age of 83. He was who died in a London hospital on Jenuary 3 at the age of 80, was one of the best-known and loved figures in the world of Cambridge rowing. After serving with the Coldstream Guards stroked the Cambridge University Services crew at the Henley Peace Regatta in 1919, and went Details if on to stroke the university crew to three successive victories in the Boat Races of 1920-22. Healso won the Grand Challenge cup at Henley, with Leander club, in 1922, and became a Steward of the Regatta in 1949. Hubert Hartley was a master

Sir James Pitman writes:

He was chairman of the group that drew up the Swedish labour movement's postwar proa happy event to be valued: and applaud. In retrospect,

> created among other women's wear, the uniforms for the United States girl scouts and the United States Women Marine Corps.

Mr Gabriel d'Arboussier, former Minister of Justice of Senegal, has died at the age of 68. He had also been Ambas sador in Paris and was previously secretary-general of the Rassemblement Democratique Africaine.



THETIMES

BUSINESS NEWS

LAING COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION

SERVICE

Oil groups ready to cut purchases from higher-price Opec countries panies even dreamed of a two-

tier pricing system that would make Kuwaiti oil more expen-

from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, which

increased in price by only 5 per cent on January 1. Oil industry sources said they

expected other countries which increased prices by 10 per cent

to face similar requests for a reduction in the amount of oil

Arabian

purchases, provided that Saudi

Exmon, Mobil, Texaco and Standard Oil of California, the

The Department of Energy is to hold meetings this week with companies producing oil from the North Sea to discuss the effect of the Opec rises on

cheaper Sandi supplies,

production increased to more than 11 million barrels a day, as

Energy Correspondent First signs are emerging that

only brief see trying to reduce the configuration of Petroleum opp, Organization opposition opposition

or R winch increased their prices by
10 per cent on January I.

Mr. Abdul Munaleb Karemi
the Kuwait Oil Minister, said
an in yesterday than buyers of Kuwait
for reduced quantities in 1977.
Speaking on Quar radio,
monitored in Cyprus, he said
he was considering what action
to take; particularly in cases
where the buyers had commoned
in to buy specific quantities.

"We must not act hastily"
hided the minister added He did not
the dentity the buyers who wanted
by is to reduce purchases. to reduce purchases. British Petroleum, one of the

the biggest buyers of Kuwair oil, is sending a mean from Britain to the Kuwair next week to discuss the amount of oil it will lift during The first quarter of this year the effect of the Opec rises on the price of United Kingdom oil.

BP and Gulf were both given oil.

BP confirmed yesterday that it will transfer its loss-making wire 1976 to enable them to build up.

Aden refinery to the South Yemen Government in May. In return the company has gained a "commercial contract" to did not allow their our chases

did not allow their purchases to fall in the first half of 1977.

Bank union challenge on profit sharing

By Christopher Thomas Two English clearing banks face a possible challenge under the Employment Protection Act

if they fail to give an early

commitment to introduce a profit-shering scheme. The action would be taken under the contentious Schedule II of the Employment Protection Act. a new measure aimed at creating similar pay and working conditions among comparable workers in the same

districts. The National Union of Bank Employees is to consider a National Westminster and Williams & Glyn.

companies with access to Saudi oil are already coming under pressure, particularly from Japanese buyers, to replace deliveries of Iranian oil with The schedule may also be used by NUBE to seek rises in some foreign banks operating in Britain, notably the Indian and Pakistani banks which, said Mr Leif Mills, general secretary of the union, pay less than that regarded as the market rate. "We took a claim against the National Bank of Pakistan under the Terms and Conditions of Employment Act, but did not get very far. We may now be able to do something under Schedule II." A spokesman for Midlend Bank said lest night: "Profit-

sharing is under active con-sideration, as the unions know." Schedule II applica-tions will be considered at the operate a 7.9 million ton a year capacity plant on behalf of the

> RHM said yesterday that Red Wing had increased pre-tax trading profits from \$2.2m in 1972 to \$5.1m last year. RHM is buying our the private company's stareholders, who have agreed to the bid, at approximately nine rimes are exprises. significant new source of several minerals, including manganese, nickel, copper, cobalt and molybdenum. However, BP does not expect commercial production to begin before about 1985 because the technological and logistical problems are formidable and international agreement has yet

RTZ, which joined the con-sortium in 1974 after Kenne-cott decided to bring in outside partners, reduced its stake to 10 per cent because of the term nature of the project and its very high risk.

Stores report heavy sales business as

buyers dip into savings to pay for goods

new year's day last year.

holiday.

The impetus appears to have been maintained for the rest of the week except Saturday which was below the level for

The store estimates that about 20 per cent of its taking came

from foreigners, with much of the remainder coming from shoppers making special trips

from the provinces during the

The John Lewis Partnership said it had experienced similar increases to Selfridges in its Oxford Street branch.

was "genuinely amazed" at the level of trade achieved both during the post Budget Christ-mas period and in its sale which

started on Monday.

Dixons Photographic said it

Outstanding sales had been

schieved for some products such as video games, but spart from this one item there were no difficulties in obtaining

Dixons had noticed that the

rate of increase in the use of credic cards had speeded up

during the past three months. Credit cards were replacing hire

purchase as well as cash as a

electricals multiple, says its sales have "started very well"

with heavy trading at most of its branches and the public taking whatever is available.

Curry's, the country's largest

method of purchase.

Optimism pushes shares up sharply

New Year optimism moved

shares sharply ahead on the stock market in London yesterday. By the close of trading the FT Ordinary Share Index, al-

There was an impressive demand in the pre-lunch surion but because of a lack of follow through and some light profit-taking most prices had been chapped back by the end of the day. Helped by a good number press recommendations and shortage of stock, second-line issues led the way in early trading with the "blue chips" slow to respond. But once the leaders started to move they

food group

stake in another American food

of a continuing search for

Red Wing, which manufactures tomato products, pea-nut butter and other conserves,

is geographically close to Giota Macaroni, of Buffalo—in which

the group took a majority hold-

ing in August—as well as being partly complementary in

marely nine times net earnings.

Red Wing's net assets had a book value of about \$8.9m last year, but RHM is to have the

essets independently assessed, which is likely to show a sub-

In the latest RHM annual report published yesterday, Mr Joseph Rank, the chairman, said that results for the current year were ahead of last year. However, because of the mo-

certain economic conditions in Britain and the problems facing

the bread industry, he declined

C & A Modes, the fashion

clothing chain, reported sales countrywide as "far above ex-

In the toy trade central Lon-don sales appear to have been exceptional. Hamleys believe their sales could well turn out

to have been as much as 40

per cent up. But Redgates at Sheffield, the

main north of England toy retailer, estimates a 4 per cent to 5 per cent drop in sales

Bargain conscious shoppers

have crowded provincial shop-ping centres in the week since Christmas, especially boosting sales of high quality goods from leather suites to expensive hi-fi equipment, said Mr Les Seeney, director several of the National

director general of the National

Birmingham stores reported record takings. Mr Cliff Palmer, general manager of Rackham's, part of the House

f Fraser, said yesterday there ad been "an unbelievable

week's trading starting on the Wednesday following Christmas,

Mr G. W. Hulse, secretary of Birmingham Chamber of Trade, said clothes, domestic durables,

and luxury items were snapped

Sales turnover in Newcastle

upon Tyne was boosted by an influx of Danish and Norwegian shoppers taking advantage of

to make a profit forecast.

stantial revaluation.

suitable acquisitions there.

latest acquisition is

By Our Financial Staff

soon outsrtipped the rest of the rares helped banking and propmarket and attracted most of the attention.

The main exceptions to the trend were North Sea-related issues which continued their FT Ordinary Share unces, are though below its best, was still additionally below by our should be shown its best, was still additionally below by our should be shown than four day ending 30p up to a best-yet

Engineering, electrical, stores and food retailing shares were also in demand and scored some double-figured rises. With food prices expected to rise analysts are forecasting a good 12 months for the sector and its rerating is proving to be a market feature at the moment. As well as giving a boost to the fixed-interest market the prospect of still lower interest

erty shares even though the best levels were not held. The optimistic were talking freely of a return to the "bull" market. But there is a more caution school which considers that the market is highly susceptible to adverse factors and that it will need more solid

evidence of economic progress to start a sustained advance. An encouraging factor has been the reappearance of overseas, particularly American in-terest, in "blue chip" and oil stocks and the "bulls" point to this as evidence of a growing

interest rates led to renewed buying of Government stocks. The short "tap" of Exchequer 13 per cent 1980 was quickly

exhausted, confirming estimates that most of thte £800m issued in November had been sold by the end of 1976. The new long "tap" issued at 151 per cent and dated 1996 also sold well. Market estimates suggests that of the £750m on offer, about £150m was sold to the public on issue last Friday. A further £50m seems to hve been sold yesterday morning.

Market interest in these and

other Government stocks was increased by strong rumours that the Bank of England Minimum Lending Rase would fall to 14 per cent on Friday, down from its present level of 144 cent. Such a drop migh well lead to a fall inclearing bank rates, which could help

the economy generally.
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Making up lost time in digital watch market

Trafalgar Watch, the north ondon-based company which claims that last year it cornered half the soaring British market in digital electronic watches, is expanding its production by a third later this month with the aim of achieving a totally British sourcing for a new generation of electronic

It could be a perilous step into deep rechnological waters, for until now it has been the United States semi-conductor giants which have dominated the production of certain key parts for digital watches.

The only other domestic producer of electronic watches, Sinclair Radionics, ran into technical problems in recent months, although these are now said to have been ironed out, with production back to normal. Sinclair was recently given a cash injection of £650,000 under a National Enterprise Board deal after the company's losses last year of £355,000.

Trafalgar Watch, Britain's largest distributor of low-priced traditional Swiss watches, has so far assembled digital watches by rar assembled migram wetches by using bought-in parts from abroad. It achieved volume by selling at low prices through mass outjets on the high streets instead of traditional jeweller

The other main thrust in the United Kingdom market for electronic wotches, which is estimated to have run to one million units lest year, came from the American semi-conductor companies which started the mass production, low-priced digital watch revolution. Mr Willy Herrmann, Trafsi-

gar's chairman, is a one-time jewelry trade wholesaler who started watch production in north London seven years ago by assembling mechanical watch parts from Switzerland. In digital watches the company has so far been producing only LED versions.

These rely for their time dis-play on light emitting diodes. Because LED displays use up considerable battery power a constant display is not practical, so the time in hours, minutes and seconds—plus day and date on most models—is brought up momentarily by the push of a button or by returning an inertia switch at the

shake of the wrist. The new generation of electronic watches are those using an LCD, or liquid crystal display, system. A constant dis-play is possible because there is much less drain on batteries But until now such watc.;es have been selling at the upper end of the market, the chappest £39 compared with £13 or some-times lower for LED watches. Later this month plans to produce the first batches of its LCD, five-func-tion digitals, expected to retail at £22.50.

at 22.5u.

Components, including the integrated circuits, are planned to be turned out in north London where the production capacity will involve a 50 per cent increase in the workforce. For a short time quartz crystals are to be bought in from RCA Cor-

Mr Herrmann's forecast is that LED prices will stabilize by March but that LCD models will continue to come down in price. He expects two million digital watches to be sold in Britain this year

Trafalgar have plans for a

further step forward, with production beginning in the summer of analog electronic watches. These have the watches. These have the innards of the digital watch but, via a small step-motor, a traditional face, with hands, is operated.

Mr Herrmann, who expected to go from a 1976 turnover of around £6m to some £10m in 1977, believes, like other major electronic watch manufacturers, that by 1980 the watch market in Britain—currently 14 million watches a year-will be split half and half between electronic and mechanical watches.

Derek Harris

The talks are clearly impore Government. tent, since this undertaking was. The refinery was built in given when none of the com- 1954 at a cost of £50m.

BP buys stake in ocean mining British Petroleum has taken. Fields with 10 per cent, has a 10 per cent stake, for between already spent up to \$50m in exploration and development 53m (£1,76m) and \$5m, in a costs. BP is essentially paying major deep sea mining project.

18 part of a new venture into The formation of BP mass mainle exploration.

Minerals, which was disclosed :53m (£1,76m) and \$5m, in a

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tase metal exploration.
The interest has been acquired from Rio Tinto-Zinc,
which previously had a 20 perent holding in the international onsortium developing methods f recovering managanese odules from the Pacific ocean ed at depths between 12,000 ad 20,000 feet.

£150m Brazil

funding backed

by ECGD

A £150m financial agreement.

providing funds for compacts to build part of a Brazilian scel-works, has been arranged by Morgan Grenfell. The deal will

Morgan Grenfell. The deal will be the account buggest to get the buiking of the Export Credits Guarantee Department. The biggest was a 1152m form for a Polish PVC plant. The funds will be provided by the London and Scottish cleaning banks.

The agreement, signed with Aco Minas Gerais (Acominas), will cover contracts to be completed between Davy Ashmore international and Acominas worth £215.6m for the construction of the con

tion of an iron and steel plant in the state of Minas Gerais.

The loan is a sequel to the state visit to Britain by Brazil's President Geisel in May last year, when a memorandum of

understanding covering finance for the project was signed with a group of European companies and banks, led by Davy and

The overall cost of the

project has been put at about \$1,800m (£1,060m). In addition

to the Brinish export credit now concluded, similar cendits are expected to be completed shortly in West Germany and France, Morgan is also in the

by Business News last month and officially announced yesterday, is part of a programme of "structured diversification" which BP has been following

since the 1973 oil crisis.

BP is seeking further joint base metal mining ventures, and od 20,006 feet:

It is understood that the conprium, headed by Kennecott houses, including RTZ, again.

opper, with 50 per cent, and In its first venture, BP is join-

The winter sales are now in

full swing with first reports

indicating a substantial volume

Exceptional trade is being

reported in central London,

which enjoyed a foreign tourist-

fed boom before Christmas, but

there are also optimistic reports

Indications are that savings are now being dipped into

further, and various forms of credit being heavily used to pay

for the heavy buying.

But there are already signs

that spending on food is declin-ing further. Bookings for foreign holidays are also still well down—a minimuf of 25 per cent below last year was a

common estimate yesterday.

Retailers of all types are reporting a good start to the sales. There has been particularly good trade in household linear china glassyare and

linen, china, glassware and other household goods. Mens' and womens' fashions are also doing well and, to some

traders' surprise, so are electri-cal good, despite heavy buying in anticipation of a VAT increase in mini-Budget.

from many provincial centres.

of business.

including Consolidated Gold ing early what is seen as a

to be reached on the Law of

Employees is to consider a Schedule II application against Lloyds and Midland if there is not an early response to demands for a profit-sharing scheme in line with Berclays, food Group. RHM to pay S23m for US at British Shipbuilders

By Peter Hill and Mr Tony Peers, industry Further resignations by staff relations director.

Against the background Ranks Hovis McDongall is to pay \$23.1m (about £13.6m) for British Shipbuilders are expected the worsening world crisis in ted to be announced next week. The delays to the Government's controversial Bill for the Government is looking for an American food manu-facturer, Red Wing, just a few months after taking a majority The delays to the Government's controversial Bill for the nationalization of the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, which have already led to the concern for an undisclosed announced resignation of Mr J. Graham Day, chief executive designate of the planned new RHM's largest single investment in the United States, and is part

state body, have created prob-lems for ministers. Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Industry, met several members of the organizing committee before Christmas in the wake of Mr Day's resignation to establish whether they were

prepared to stay on.
Their replies are expected to be given to Mr Varley in the next few days, after talks with Whitehall officials over the committee's future.

All the staff concerned occupy key positions. They are Mr Peter Mills, the director in charge of corporate strategy end, like Mr Day, a Canadian; Mr Pat Griffiths, who has been concerned with financial affairs,

someone to succeed Mr Day, and has also prepared contin-gency plans for the establish-ment of a state bolding comp-any which could be brought into existence before nationalization. existence before nationalization.

Mr Michael Cassy, under secretary in charge of ship-building policy at the Department of Industry, is being strongly tipped as the man who may be appointed to take over as chief executive, although initially this could be a post with a new state bolding company.

Details of any new appointments are expected by about the midle of this month, but the Government is expected to wait until parliamentary examiners have pronounced on-

the alleged hybridity in the Submissions to the examiners will resume again next week, and their decision is expected

the following week. If they de-cide that the Bill is hybrid a Lords committee will be con-stituted to listen to further evidence which could take several

Creation of a state holding company—which has been mooted for some weeks—would enable the Government_to form a new company which would take in the existing state-owned shipyards of Sunderland Shipbuilders and Govan Shipbuilders on the upper Clyde, together with the 50 per cent state-owned Cammell Laird Shipbuilders.

The state holding company would have legal backing, which the organizing committee lacks, and would be able to spearhead a marketing policy for the industry in cooperation with those yards still in private hands.
It could also be used as the vehicle for siding other com-panies which encountered dif-ficulties. Mr Casey would be ideally placed to take on the iob of running the new organ: ization in view of his close association with existing state-owned companies in his present post.

Renewed confidence lifts pound

Sterling continued to strengthen yesterday, closing at \$1.7085, up just over balf a cent from the level at which it closed on Friday.

Its effective depreciation against a basket of currencies of Britain's major trading partners was unchanged at 44.1 per

A combination of weakness of the dollar and renewed optimism after the formal approval of the International Monetary Fund loss kept confidence in sterling high. The United Kingdom is expected to make its first drawing of United Kingdom is expected to make its first drawing of \$1,150m (about £700m) within the next week or so, which will be used to build up reserves to cover the expected deficit in the early part of 1977.

The borrowing will not appear in reserve figures to be published today. These will show the position at the end of December, and are likely to be affected heavily by the repayment of the \$1,600m drawn from the special standby credit arranged during the summer of

Foreign exchange markets are still hopeful that agreement will be reached fairly soon on a support scheme to protect the United Kingdom from sudden withdrawals of the sterling balances.

week at a meeting of central bank governors in Basle at the Bank for International Settle-ments. The foreign exchange markets seem to be hoping for agreement at that session, Completing agreement on a scheme to deal with the prob-lems of the sterling balances would round off the package of measures which the Govern-ment has negotiated to put the pound on a stronger footing.

Survival plan outlined for building industry

day.
Disclosing that returns from
the council's inspectors showed that 150,500 new homes were completed last year—starts were running at around 149,000—Sir Derek said that these levels, while about the same as for 1975, were well below the 200,000 units a year usually regarded as the traditional minimum capacity of the private bousing industry. "What now concerns us all

is whether even the relatively modest figures of 1976 will be matched in 1977. All of you know of the shortage of building society funds, and of fears that private housing output this year may slip to 120,000 units or even below this figure". This could seriously impair the industry's capacity for years to come, add to unemployment and cause prices to soar, said Sir Derek. He was speaking at the publication of the text of a memorandum sent to Mr Peter Shore, Secretar yof State for the Environment, urging the Government to adopt a mini-mum survival programme for the private housing industry.

The memorandum says that is taken, private housing starts and completions could fall to 100,000 a year or even less by the middle of next year. A cut to below 100,000 units a year would make up to 100,000 unemoloyed, says the paper.

The plan pur forward had three main elements. First, the council says there should be

council says, there should be support for the building socie-ties in lending to new houses. Finally, if interest rates do rise.

severe slump this year, Sir Derek Walker-Smith, chairman of the National House Building Council, said in London yester day.

meet on January 14 to discuss interest rates, said Sir Derek, they would weigh carefully whether the recent reduction in minimum lending rate and any similar reduction which might occur in the near future, would be sufficient to bring in the funds now urgently needed. "If it would not then, we hope that building societies will not retrain from putting

rates up or from raising special loans for newly built housing and that they and the Government will then consider together what measures can be gether what measures can be taken to alleviate hardship both among those who have recently taken on new mortgages and particularly among those who are buying newly built nouses." The third part of the strategy

must be to ensure that if interest charges did go up people of average income of a little below could afford to buy newly-built houses. He suggested such subsidies

could, perhaps, be repaid from any capital gains made when the owner sold his house.

Christopher Thomas writes: Thicty countries will this month tackle the range of prob-lems which have beset the construction industry and draw up policy advice in two main areas
—job and pay stability, and
training of managers and wor-

The move is to be taken at the ninth session of the Build-ing, Civil Engineering and Public Works Committee of the International Labour Office in Geneva from January 12-20.

Prance. Morgan is also in the process of arranging a Europaire last Thursday reported that value of trade was up by hundreds of millions of day last year.



Highlights from the statement of the Chairmen of J. A. Devenish & Company Limited, Mr. A. E. Ladger Hill, O.B.E., D.L., for the 53 weeks

- * Pre-tex profits increased by over 10% to £1,167,943. Proposed Final dividend of 14.6% makes year's total 21.1% (4975-19.2%).
- * Increased demand for traditional draught beer and Viking Lager but bortled heer sales declined. Jester minerals continue in popular

* One new pub bought and a freehold purchased. Uneconomic houses continue to be soid. Savings already evident from re-organisation of storage and handling facilities in Comwall. 1975 Results at a glance

£1,167,943 £1,053,246 Group Profit before Texation £645,919 E561,681 Group Profit after Taxation Available for Ordinary £625,085 (after extraordinary items)... Total Ordinary Dividend £194,078 £176,602 £628,906 £448,483 Profit retained in the Company 68.86p Earnings on El Ordinary Stock

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How the markets moved

The Times index: 152.33 + 2.52The FT index: 360.6 +5.9

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	to 185p	Sun Alliance	15p to 385p	Austria Sch	29.75	27.75
	to 460p	Tube Inv	10p to 310p	Belgium Fr	ഒ.00	60.00
	to 118p	Vickers	6p to 151p	Canada 5	1.76	1,71
	to 155p	Weyburn	10p to 350p	Denmark Kr	10.15	9.75
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Falls				Germany Dm	4.17	3.95
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	to 100p	Osborn S	2p to 44p	Hongkong S	8.30	7.85
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		Sutcliffe S'man	1p to 28p	Norway Kr	9.06	8.70
	to 124p	Vanx	3p to 230p	Portugal Esc	57.50	53.50
				S Africa Rd	1,94	1.80
				Spain Pes	119.75	112.00
Equities made a goo	od start to the	Gold closed at \$		Sweden Kr	7.28	6.93
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CBI's 'action programme' out this week The Confederation of British

Industry is to publish its action programme" for 1977 later this week. The document, which will, in effect, be the confederation's policy manifesto for the next year, will state the priorities on which industry wants to see action taken.

Among subjects expected to figure in the action programme are pay policy and worker participation. CBI leaders have made it

clear that they will regard the action programme as a bench mark against which the CBI's success as industry's negotiator and spokesman should be measured.

450 walk out at Cammell Laird

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Only hours after returning from a 10-day holiday shut down, workers at the Caumell Laird shipyard in Birkenhead walked out on strike yesterday.
The stoppage, by 450 members of the boilermakers union, threatens to make nearly 5,000 other manual and staff workers

Brockhouse Limited at a glance

Results to 30th September not du £57m to £59m £2.70m to Profit before tax up from £3.02m up from £1.16m to Profit after tax £1.37m Profit retained mont qu £0,12m to £0.69m Dividend per share up from 2.9494p to 3.2443p 1.24 to 2.26 Dividend cover up from 7.96p 6.72p to Earnings per share up from

The Chairman, Mr. A. C. Darby, in his statement to

Capital Expenditure. Total incurred during the year was over £2m. For the current financial year we have already approved expenditure of £2½m.

Potential. I have chosen this heading in preference to "Prospects" because while I can form a view of the efficiency of our plant and of the abilities of our people. I am unable to peer through the politico-economic for that envelops the whole land. We have both the people and the material to take full advantage of our opportunities. So the potential is there. Our ambition now is to produce results worthy of it.

Alternative views on the bull market

market made a cracking start to the New Year: it had after all been hard to uncover a bearish word amid all the Christmas and year-end punchirstness and year-end pun-ditry. But volume yesterday, if reasonable, was nothing to shout about, prices failed to hold their best levels and those who see the main gains in the equity market coming only later in the year remained stoically unmoved by the rapid marking up of prices during the morn-

ing.
This last point brings one back to the key issue of timing. The reasons for taking a reasonably bullish view of the year as a whole have already been set out ad nauseam. But when should one be in and out of the marker?

One fairly widely held view in the market is that equities have already risen sharply extremely quickly—the FT 30 share index is up by close on 100 points, or a third, in just 10 weeks—that most of the imminent good news has already been discounted, that the reverse yield gap is still high the sile reverse in the waits. high, that gilts remain the major attraction and that the shortterm economic problems in the first half of 1976 have tended to be glossed over in the recent

In short, be prepared for a reaction in prices and some temporary upsets in sentiment. Leave any talk of the FT index at 400 and above until the second half of the year when the market should be riding on a steadily improving balance of payments position. An alternative view is that

the market will once sgain move way ahead of events, not least if a sterling safety net is quickly sewn up and, whatever public noises may be made during the preliminary skirm-ishes, if an acceptable framework for the next wage round can be established ahead of the

Given these, together with continuing strength in gilts, one might instead have an equity market that performs strongly in the first half of the year and then begins to doubt that any fresh momentum in the world economy can in fact be sustained for long without an upturn in inflation and interest Government's strategy

on gilt sales and the corporate sector's stance on rights issues as we move into the year-end results season will undoubtedly play their parts too. But past stock market behaviour would tend to favour the latter

THE After the

re-rating Purchase of Lyons's hotel interests, the proposed withdrawal

able sale of more of its side activities are part and parcel of Trust Houses Forte's ongoing strategy of concentrating on its hotel operations where after the few blasts of the last counte of years there are now good prospects that the shortage of capacity will mean sustained growth into the early 1980's. Yet over the last three months the shares have jumped almost a third to 114p yesterday. Prompting this rapid re-rading has been the realization that THF's dangerously high operating and financial gearing was starting to work in its favour now that hotel occupancy rates had started to pick up and interest rates were on The question now of course

from Thomas Cook and prob-

is the extent to which the brighter outlook is discounted in the current share price.

My guess is that THF probably still has some way to go but probably not as far as some the optimists expect. loss of £4.1m, shareholders Certainly, counting against might be less than enthusiastic

But the market has yet to assess fully the contribution the Lyons hotel interests will make

Meanwhile, the upturn in occupancy rates both in London and the provinces will only start to come through strongly in current year profits up to £33m next year against the probable £23m that will be reported in the year to last October.

October.

At the same time, while the group's high level of overseas debt—less than a third of its £171m loans were in the United Kingdom last year—has

The best and worst performing sectors in 1976

	% change
Tins	+42
Olls	+29
Rubbers	+26
Toys & Games	+21
Newspapers, publishing	+19
Teas	+ 15
Mach Tools	+11
Motor distrib	±10
Insur brokers	+ 10
Electricals	+8
Shipping	+6
Chemicals	+1
Engin (heavy)	-1
Engin (gen)	-4
ALL SHARE INDEX	-6
Banka	-15
Hire Purchase	15
Pack & Paper	- 18
Comp ins	-18
Office Equip	—19
Property	20
Life ins	20
Building Mats	-24
Textiles	-29
Household goods	-30
Contracting, Construction	-34
Mining Finance	-36
Merchant Banks	-38

decline, gearing has improved slightly thanks to the rights issue and will be further improved by the proceeds from the sale of Thos Cook and the few million that will be received from the sale of other

Williams Hudson Shareholders can't refuse

Shareholders have not

much cause to love Williams
Hudson since the shares stood
at a 1973 "high " of 212p, and
may again feel concern about
the action of Argo Group, which has held effective control since 1971, in bidding just 25p a share for a group showing net worth of 67p a share in the last

Opportunist though the bid looks, however, the alternative of sitting tight, most particu-larly now that Argo has raised its stake from 46 to just over 50 per cent, is not attractive. To recap, Williams Hudson has recently sold off its ablooing fleet at a profit of £2.1m, the result being a drop in indebtedness of £30m. But even after this important piece of de-gearing it is plain that the com-

pany is still badly in need of

new capital.

Net borrowings appear to be around £23m compared to £9.1m of shareholders funds (equal, incidentally, to 80p a share) and the board has already said it intends to raise the issued capital early this year, pre-sumably through a rights issue. After the disastrous experience of the Vickers stake, sold at an estimated loss of £3m, the collapse of Venesta International, the mystifying pur-chase of a stake in Pleasurama

and, ultimately, last year's not loss of £4.1m, shareholders

and lessure interests are unlikely to make up much ground
with discretionary spending remaining under pressure this only about But the real problem is that, with the group capitalized at only about £2.5m before the bid, even a substantial rights issue would do little to resolve the underlying gearing prob-

Nor is there much to look for in profit terms. The recent rise in interest rates, even on the reduced borrowings, will knock a nasty, if not total, dent

in current year trading profits, and of course shipping profits

--£534,000 last year—will be affected by the disposals.

The case for shareholders to take the offered 25p while they can thus looks to be powerful, although a decision should be deferred pending the advice of deferred pending the advice of an independent merchant bank which is being prepared for outside shareholders. The serious reservation revolves around whether the gearing problem could atternatively be resolved by yet further disposals and whether Argo Group, once in complete control, intends to take precisely this route.

Profits A mixed outlook

Recent euphoria in the stock market has, for certain, had nothing to do with the outlook for company profits in 1977, which is universally acknow-ledged to be dull. Since world ledged to be dull. Since world trade is still depressed and likely to respond only slowly to any stimulus from the incoming Carter administration in the United States, demand will continue sluggish; price controls will limit margins growth at home; and since the pound is controls to the least successive to the least successive trades. is expected to be less susceptible than formerly to every gale on the currency markets as the current account deficit is narrowed by North Sea oil, last year's gains on the conver-sion of overseas profits into depreciated sterling are not likely to be repeated.

So most City analysts are now going for an average improvement of around 12-15 per cant at the earnings level in this, presumably for many companies the last period for the presentation of historic cost figures, ahead of the introduction of current cost accounting next year. next year.
Within that somewhat unin-

spiring framework certain sectors can be expected to produce much more exciting results. Thus the oil companies, thanks principally to the benefits BP will be deriving from the North Sea, are likely to be producing aggregate profits spectacularly higher—estimates of how much range between 40 and 80 per cent. A lot of that, however, is reflected in the BP share price already; and there is still the placing of part of the Government's stake to inhibit any further progress. spiring framework certain securther progress.

Composite insurance com-panies profits, too, are likely to show rapid growth, of per-haps 40 per cent, on a cyclical recovery in underwriting and continuing strong growth in premium income. Backs, on the other hand, may find their profits' growth constrained by the corset, quite apart from the likelihood that

interest rates will fall
The capital goods sector, too,
is obviously in for a tough time,
with orders running thin at this stage of the cycle, and any competitive advantages derived from the weakness of sterling likely to be running out if the pound steadies.

Prospects of a recovery in world trade should have com-panies such as the shipping majors and others with a big overseas sales content pushing strongly ahead. But if that recovery is likely to be delayed then companies with a high United Kingdom content, slighted last year as investors went for the sectors to benefit from the sterling slide, could

Commercial brakes come off for the independent television network

The independent television network ends its twenty-first network ends its twenty-irst year of broadcasting in excellent financial shape but with strong rumblings of discontent from its customers which may not augur well for its future. The latest of the monthly net revenue figures produced for the 15 ITV companies for November, at £26.9m, take the total for the 11 months to £209.6m, or over 30 per cent ahead of the over 30 per cent ahead of the same figure for 1975.

December advertisement bookings have also been heavy. They are well ahead—by at least 15 per cent—of last year, and are likely to bring the total for 1976 to over £230m. The contractors also report continuing demand for the first quarter of 1977, when the property and her the state of the contractors are the first quarter of 1977, when the property are the contractors are the contractors are the contractors. of 1977, when takings may be up by 20 to 25 per cent com-pared with 1976.

All this is a dramatic turn-round from the dismal days of 1974 and early 1975 when col-lective takings dropped by over 7 per cent, and it looks as though it is going to be sus-tained to the point where the

ITV NET REVENUE

	CALIDADA.	BU NIGAL
Year	£m	year
1974	£149.2	— 7.
1975	£176.5	+18.
1976*	£230	+30.
"estimated		1

old and bitterly resented

description of commercial tele-vision as a "licence to print vision as a "incence to print money" will again be used.

For the improvement in earnings has been matched by the performance of profits.

Advertisers have been wryly watching a succession of ITV company ennual reports challenged. ing up dramatic gains during the year.

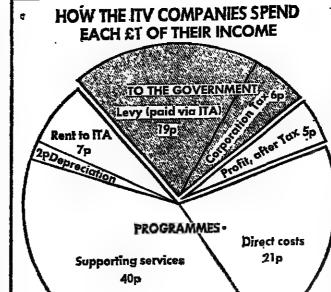
In October Thames Television, one of the largest of the contractors, reported a near doubling of pre-tax profits for the year ending June 30 to over £5.5m compared with £2.9m in the previous year and £4.6m in 1974. A month later the other London contractor, LWT (Holdings) reported a pre-tax London contractor, LWT (Holdings), reported a pre-tax profits increase from £3.34m to

f4.7m.
Just before Christmas the television section of the Granada group which serves Lapcashire and Cheshire reported a rise in profits from £3.2m to over £4.5m. Similarly much improved results have been turned in by Harlech, Westward and Ulster.
Although substantially better, the ITV companies' profits are

the ITV companies' profits are by no means large. This is because on top of normal company taxes the Government creams off a special levy which, it is estimated, has contributed about £260m to the Exchequer since it was introduced in 1964.
After much lobbying by the companies, the basis for assessing the levy was changed from a percemage of advertising revenue, without taking profits into account, to, in mid-1974, a system based on profits instead

Each company is allowed a side of profit equal to 2 per cent of its advertising revenue or £250,000 whichever is the greater free of the levy. The remainder, under the new system, is subject to the levy at 66.7 per cent. The point of the change the companies main. the change, the companies main-tained, is that it provided a strong incentive to invest revenue in programmes. The advertisers' sour reaction

to the profit results is not due to envy, but because the im-provement expected in pro-gramme output has not so far materialized. This was partly



due to exceptionally strong com-petition from the BBC (which expects to have made a loss of £10m in 1976) which not only outbid its ITV rivals for major viewing events like the Olympic Games but also for high rating entertainment series like Kojak and Starsky and

However, ITV's failure to

maintain viewer ratings cannot only be attributed to unwillingness to spend heavily. For some of the cheapest programmes like Coronation Street are among the most popular and some of the most expensive like Dickens of London and Destination America did badly.

The advertisers' dissatisfaction with falling viewer ratings, down by an estimated 18 per cent on last year, was exacer-

bated by steep increases in the costs they were being asked to pay for airtime. The actual rises in charges to advertisers are not immediately obvious, because dealing as they are with a highly perishable commodity-television airtime-salesmen have tradi-tionally offered substantial discounts and big advertisers have been used to paying only 60 per

cent or less of the published

In 1976, on top of rate card In 1976, on top of rate card rises of about 25 per cent, advertisers have seen their hidden discounts cut by half or more. One fairly large advertiser reports that his spring 1977 campaign has cost 40 per cent more than the same schedule a year earlier.

One of the main contributing factors is that the supply of television advertising space is strictly limited by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (to a maximum of six minutes per hour of broadcasting). A surge

hour of broadcasting). A surge in demand such as that experienced during the past year is reflected in the reduction of discounts. There have also been accusations that contractors sometimes did not use all their arrime, in order to "harden"

The situation has led to some strained relationships between advertisers and contractors during the past year. But threats of boycotting by the advertisers were largely empty if only because there was nowhere else they could turn. Lack of real competition in

ITV was an argument stressed by the advertising industry in its submission to the Annan Committee on the future of broadcasting when it recom-mended that the still unallocated fourth television channel should carry advertisements.

Various recent leaks from the committee, due to report soon, suggest that the advertisers are suggest that the advertisers are unlikely to be granted their wish, but, along with the rest of the industry, they will have to wait and see if the present ITV structure must look to as laurels because of the entry of

Patricia Tisdali

Not enough food to go round It is now fashionable in Britain of the United States and when

is not as bad as it was once thought to be. There may be pockets in which tens of millions of people are starving, the view goes, but the spectre of a world congenitally incapable of feeding most of its people is

The plight of the hungry has impinged little on the British public consciousness even when frequently stressed. Playing it down encourages a relieved shrug and forgetfulness. Lord Walston wants to restore the balance. He addresses his short new book, Dealing with Hunger*, to those concerned that "there should still be willions of starving people living in the world at the end of the transworld at the end of the twentieth century", Lord Walston considers that world food supplies are now at

"grossly inadequate levels" and that the world is not doing enough about it. He ranges widely and considers social as well as economic reasons for the low opinion populations hold of food production. "The words 'peasant' 'farmer' and 'farm labourer

still carry in most countries a certain amount of contempt", be writes. While in rich coun-tries like Britain the richest urban families strive to find second homes in the countryside, the rural poor in many countries long to be able to live and work in towns.

He recatls in a brief historical sketch that in the nineteenth century the history of British food policy took a different course from that of the rest of Europe, thanks to the strength of British influence outside Europe. By the 1930s the food intake of an average Englishman was near the top of the international league table. Yet there were still millions of people in twentieth-century Britain who did not have enough to eat "and this at a time wheat wheat was being destroyed in the middle west

to say that the world food crists coffee was being burnt in the is not as bad as it was once locomotives of Brazii". Such comments, and the remark that it might sometimes "be well for the state to take over the land and become the landlord", remind the reader that Lord Walston is no ordinary farming peer.
Described in the British farming press as "the socialist farming peer" he was a Labour parliamentary candidate before being made a life peer.

He accepts that state owner-ship as practised in the Soviet union has falled to produce enough food for internal consumption. He rejects dogma and says that the pattern of land ownership for each community should be decided executions to its needs. according to its needs.

Lord Walston recommends that where the state owns the land, tenant farmers should be able to pass on holdings to their have complete security of tenure provided the land is put to good

ston searches widely for material to support his case. Unlike most, he does so in a terse and coherent manner and is not tempted to stray into long dissertations about particular But if the evidence is strong the case itself is so abbreviated as to be almost trite. He wants

more money and more respect for the business of food production. He wants painless transfer of wealth from other spheres to food production. He wants the rich to eat less,

wants the first to ear less, smoke less and spend less on weapons. He does not demonstrate how they will be persuaded to do so. But his book is a valuable statement of the message that "even if all available food supplies were equally distributed there would not be enough to go round". Hugh Clayton

* Published by The Bodley

John Earle

A prospect of petrodollars fuels Italian hopes ين The Fiat deal with Libya has Foreign Bank bought a 9.6 per Italians it would be a neat solu-

suddenly set tongues talking in Italy, as if the country's grave economic problems could now be solved overnight by a flood of petrodollars. Nothing is, of course, less true. Yet the deal may have paved the way for a steady investment interest on the part of oil producers who, for one reason or another, have hitherto shunned Italy.

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There was disappointment at this lack of interest in many quarters in Italy after the post-1973 quadrupling of oil prices, especially as the late Signor Enrico Martei of ENI established a kind of preferential relationship with the Third World in the 1950s when he broke the hold of the interestivated of compressionships. children. "The tenants should have complete security of tenure provided the land is put to good use."

Like many authors who discuss world hunger. Lord Wal-

> companies certainly obtained their share of contracts with oilproducing countries, particularly in public works, construction and the oil industry. But this was due more to aggressiveness any innate preference. After the oil crisis President

Throughout the years Italian

Giovanni Leone visited Iran and Saudi Arabia, but returned virtually empty-handed. The oil-producers, it seemed, saw better scope for their funds north of the Alps.

Italy, it was often said, was

Change of atmosphere

too unstable economically and politically to make any investment commitment worth while Italian accounting practices were too obscure to obtain an accurate picture of many companies' true financial situation. Italian money markets were too unsophisticated and, latterly, have been so hedged with restrictions in defence of the lira as to deter any thought of fin-

cent share, with an option to increase this later to more than 13 per cent, in Italy's biggest private company, which besides motor cars produces a wide range of goods in the mechanical, engineering, transportation, and armaments fields. In exchange, it is injecting \$415m (about £244m) in capital and loans, and will have two members on the board. On a smaller scale, this an-nouncement was soon followed

by the news that an Iranian group, Ritaco, had bought from Bosch of West Germany control of a Bergamo manufacturer of domestic appliances, Philco. The financial structures now exist, both to expand trade and

to finance capital investments. In addition to the foreign activities of Italian banks, the Unione Fiat deal Well di Banche Arabe e Europa (UBAE) has been operating since spring 1973 to facilitate operations with the Arab world A 51 per cent share is held by Union des Banques Arabe the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank

holds a further 7 per cent and supplies the chairman, Mr Abdalla Saudi. The remaining sbares are in Italian hands-Banco di Roma, Banca Nazionale del Lavoro, the Icipu Public Credit Institute, and the parastatal corporations IRI and ENL. Though its activities are still on a small scale, its presence has psychological importance as a signpost for closer economic relations with the Arab world. The new element on the horizon, however, is the pros-

triangular arrangements to finance Italian exports to the communist world. Signor Gio-vanni Agnelli, First chairman, aroused speculation about this when he flew to Moscow a few weeks ago to meet President Gaddafi of Libys, then on an official visit to the Soviet Union. Afterwards Signor Agnelli, in a newspaper interview, described such prospects as "a not unrealistic hypothesis", adding the markets of the communist east are the most interesting today because they offer wide prospects.".
With the Soviet Union, how-

pect of using petrodollars in

ever, the main obstacle is that the Italian credit has run out

tion if, as Signor Agnelii suggested, the Russians themselves could ask oil-producing countries to provide the neces-sary funds. "Among other things", he said, "Moscow car place on the negotiating table arguments which we do not possess and to which countries like Libya are most respon-

the focus is on Libya, which has large funds available in relation to the size of popula-tion. For the Libyans, Italy is the best-known European country as well as its best foreign trade partner, supplying 28 per cent of Libyan imports.

received

taken over by its former colony, the Fiat deal has generally beet. well received in Italy. An extraordinary Fiat shareholders meeting has been called on January 18 to approve it. There should be no doubt of the outcome, provided embarrassing are svoided, such 4 possible arms supplies or any attempt to change the policy of Fiat's newspaper La Stampa, which in the past has often taken a pro-Israeli line. Before Christmas Signor Rinaldo Ossola, the Foreign Trade Minister, visited Tripoli

Despite some isolated crist

that Italian industry risks being

economic and technical agreement, which may be signed in coming months in the first visit by an Italian Prime Minister. Signor Ossola has elso been in Iran, and is due to go soon to Saudi Arabia. Nigeria and possibly Venezuela, to promote the flow of petrodollars in exchange for Italian exports of goods and services. One subject, reported under discussion is to sit funds for future purchases with the Bank of Italy, thus adding to Italian reserves.

to lay the groundwork for an

All such policies, however, take time to bear fruit, and it would be wishful thinking to hope that the floodgates petrodollars will now suddenly

Prince over the water Business Diary: Merriman's posting •

Robert Cockburn's successor as chairman of the National Computing Centre when the latter Merriman, the Post Office.

Corporation's board member for technology until his own retire-ment on New Year's Eve, has known Sir Robert for more than 20 years. They came across each other when Merriman, who has been with the Post Office for 40 years, was working on Goonhilly, the earth terminal of Britain's space comnunications link through which we now see television pro-grammes relayed by satellite. Sir Robert, sometime controller of guided weapons and electronics with the former Ministry of Supply, was at the time involved in another, and less fortunate space project, the Elue Streak rocket. Merriman is now also visiting

professor in the Department of Electronic Science and Telecommunications at the University of Strathclyde.

The job of the NCC, of which

the Post Office is a member, is to promote the more effective use of computers. The chair-man-elect said last night that one of the main issues in computerdom was "the immense and rapid growth of mini and

micro-computers."

It was increasingly possibly to pack formerly cumbersome machines into "incredibly small volumes" and to make them talk to each other over complex, but very efficient, transmissions systems.

Merriman said he wanted to continue the work NCC had

They did not need a computer to pick Jim Merriman as Sir business to share in the business to share in the here is of the Cuckoo Comurbis new machines' potential.

The illustration reproduced here is of the Cuckoo Comurbis or Common Squatter, described

Personal pilot The destination of the RAF's

Belfast freighters now up for sale remains to be seen: not so that of Don Wright, a man who had much to do with getting them off the ground,

Wright, the retiring chief test pilot of Shorts, the Northern Ireland aerospace company which made the Belfast, is off to be personal pilot to Prince Mohammed bin Faisal al Saud, brother of the Saudi Arabian monarch, King Khalid and his country's Minister of Desalina rion and Water Resources.

Wright is probably unique among British test pilots in holding a master mariner's ricket. He trained as a merchant navy cadet and was first mate on a tanker before joining the RAF in 1953. He flew Canberra bombers and was an experimental test pilot at Faraborough before joining Shorts 13 years ago.

In 1969 he became chief test pilot and Belfast harbour airport manager. In his 13 years he handled much of the flight development of the RAF's Belfast strategic freighters and the middle sold Storage. widely sold Skyvan. More recently he has led flight development of the new SD 3.30 commuter airliner which he took up on its maiden filght in

Wright is awaiting orders in his Belfast home ready to Gerry Prince Mohammed's new HS 125 eight-passenger twin-jet to Jeddah where he will be based. Now being made ready of year, but we do seem to have

or Common Squatter, described thus: "Habitat large conurba-tions. Invades the nests of other birds and establishes rookeries wherever it is allowed to proliferate. Although its depredations have caused considerable damage the authorities appear reluctant to change its status as a protected species, with the result that it is now ousting the

native population."

It is one of the cartoons in the Haslemere Bird Watchers Guide for 1977, drawn by Ben Shailo for Fred Cleary's Haslemere Estates, the property developers specializing in period offices. The guide, which is really a calendar, also contains cartoons of the Left Tern or Summy Jim, a sagacious old fowl whose plumage veers between light pink to light blue, and the True Blue Maggie-pic, which "superseded the Heath Harrier in 1974, when it was voted the most popular hird among suburban gardeners". Traditional Russian cuisine, Shailo writes, recommends

at Hawker Siddeley's Chester foretold one event by accident. works, the aircraft is one of the first of the new long-range Series 700 and is setting back the prince £1.2m. Wright will be paid an appropriately princely salary—thought to be more than \$20,000

Off the shelf

roasting the Maggicpie " over a slow fire". There is also the Greater

Planner or Doedoe, characterized by long gestation and or Lesser Architectus, whose nest-building skills have so deteriorated under the pressure of modern urban living that of mouern aroun many species reject them alto-gether, hence the phrase "back to the drawing bird".

Last week we suggested that L. C. R. Cameron's 60-year-old work The Wild Foods of Great Britain might make a reprint for some publisher. This week comes news that Colin Spooner and Julian King, who run the Prism Press in Dorchester, are to bring out a reprint later this

The 1977 edition, which will cost £2.50 in paperback (it was 71p originally) and £6 in boards, omits Cameron's crusty assertion that "no Englishwoman has been stored to the control of th

or a potato properly, except by an unavoidable accident". Spooner said that Prism, an alternative society publisher, had not suppressed the remark as too illibered for its market. He, like Business Diary, bought whereby the Libyan Arab the interest the inter Spooner said that Prism, ar a copy of the original book in a second-hand shop years ago, and the passage in question appeared to be missing. We are sending him the relevant extract from our edition in case there is a second reprint-

Fluctuation While things were looking up for the pound before Christmas,

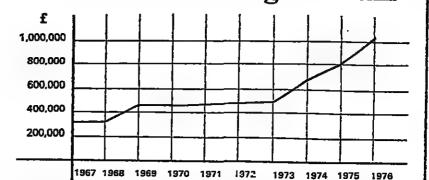
Business Diary had no idea just how much the patient had improved since.

It was pleasant, therefore, on returning to the office after the new year holiday, to see in Castell Larby's City Diary 1977 that its list of foreign currently and the second starting with a cies showed sterling with a value of \$2.15, not to mention Swiss francs at 5.75 and Deutsche marks at 5.45.

A quick check, however, revealed that the diary's information is more than a year old. The exchange rates quoted are more sombre looking \$1.70, with Swiss francs at 4-2 and 4 or so Dautsche marks to the pound. As the diary notes, rates are indeed "subject to fluctua-

In London just in time for the panto season is the new branch manager for Saudi Arabian Airlines. His name is Aladdin.

THE MOSS ENGINEERING **GROUP LIMITED** Profits break through the £1m



At present our internal budgets suggest the current year will produce results similar to its predecessor. On earlier occasions I have referred to our ability to wring the best out of difficult situations and having done this in 1976, we have a fighting chance of producing further growth from 1977. In terms of both the present and the future, the Group is in good order: indeed we look forward, with eagerness, to the programme we

ERNEST CARS Chairman and Managing Director.

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Business appointments

Top change

on board of

Automotive

Mr G. D. Pears, the new man-

aging director of Automotive Products.

her G. D. Pears has succeeded Mr J. T. Panks as managing director of Antomotive Products. Mr Panks continues as deputy chairman and chief executive.

Mr H. A. Whittail has become chairman of Amaigamated Power Engineering on the retirement of Mr R. F. Batty. Mr Whittail has been succeeded as managing director by Mr J. G. Ryder. Mr P. T. Jones has been made a deputy chairman and udi continue as sole deputy chairman when Mr H. N. G. Allen leaves the board on retirement in April.

Mr H. N. G. Allen leaves the board on retirement in April,
The Earl of Darmouth has succeeded Mr Roger Poore, who has retired as chairman of Ocean Wilsons (Holdings).

Mr Ken Butcher and Mr John Emerson have retired as executive directors of Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings) and have been appointed non-executive directors.

Products

Stock markets

through meant that most prices were well below their best by

Dealers said that the pre-

lunch demand was impressive, but many feel that in this sort

of form the market is extremely

vulnerable to adverse factors.

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the annual meeting and a teach-

in for brokers in six days' time.
The meeting should be cheerful

the end of the day.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Why there is reason to be optimistic about N Sea

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Attracting best brains to industry

port sir, Many theories have been let up in the decline of the maturacturing sector in the decline of manufacturing. The figures showed that the mill andustry in Britain over the number of students with first leep present 20 years or so. It is worth will adustry in Britain over the present 20 years of so. It is worth look auting, for instance, that in the sure of world xports of manufactures was 3.2 per cent, only the United Year Germany (18.5 per cent) and Year Germany (18.5 per cent) add larger shares in 1974, Britain's charger shares in 1974, Prince was 3.9 per cent ain's share was 8.9 per cent, ifth behind West Germany, be United States, Ispan and

nter industry or commerce, referring very often too soft-option of public sector

in the Stationery Office (The Saudi Arabia, 1974). December 7) suggest December 10,

The figures showed that the number of students with first degrees entering industry or commerce in 1974-75 was 12,382, 22.3 per cent of those that earned firsts, whereas in 1973-74 the comparable figures were 14,000, 25.3 per cent of the total.

-At- the same time the number of graduates with first degrees entering public sector services rose from 8,390 to One theory professed to be done to reverse this trend relain this decline is that too if Britain is not to fall further ew of the country's issue said further behind her main alented university graduants competitors. Yours sincerely, JOHN P. PEEREY, soft-option of public sector Development Assistance mployment. Corporation SA,

The workings of the Trustee Act .

From Mr D. J. Lewis
Sir, It is becoming fairly frequent to observe companies announcing the payment of a nominal dividend in order to "preserve trustee status". This surely is a practice which is entirely against the concept of laying down guidelines for the benefit of trustees so that when they invest in companies they may be reasonably assured that they are unlikely to be misled companies of doubtful

The requirement for the payment of dividends for a continuous period was plainly designed to guide trustees towards companies with a steady record. If a company has made a loss or has produced very poor results, it is quite con-trary to the intention of the Trustee Act for the declaration of a nominal dividend purely to stay within the provisions of the Act and appears to defeat the objective laid down quite properly at the time.

It is submitted that an urgent revision is required to these provisions in the regulations concerning trustee status of companies so that, for example there shall be certain minimum provisos as to the cover for the declaration of any dividend out of the actual year's earnings or possibly some proviso as to the maximum percentage reduction from the previous year's dividend or possibly the average of a number of recent years' dividends. For example, the reduction of a dividend by anything in excess of 75 per cent from the previous year's decla-ration should be a realistic limitation above which trustee status would be lost.

The position of trustees as regards investment in equity shares is a difficult one and this practice of declaration of nominal dividends in order to escape the clear intention of the provisions in the Act should be stopped. Comments would be most appreciated from the accountancy profession and the City in order that suggestions may be made to the relevant government department.
Yours truly,
D. J. LEWIS,

Gloucester Place, London, W1H 4DQ. December 20.

Is a wealth tax 'a corrupt conception'?

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than others,

thousand years ago. A wealth tax is simply a form of state robbery without moral or industrial justification. The TUC should beware of lending its support to such a corrupt conception.

nsurance ncome up by 17 pc

/ John Breman surance Correspo ive no life insurance just lider a third have no mourlice covering house contents id only 9.3 per cent of house lids pay anything towards thousands are accident insurance. Overall, the average annual penditure of British house olds on all forms of insurance talled just 191.80 in 1974, the test period covered in Facts of Rigures, the British Insurce Association's publication. The BIA, representing 285 surance companies which ansact some 35 per cent of the ritish insurance industry, ows in its annual survey for 75 that members' total net emium income rose by 17 per at to £7,752m, 42 per cent of the company for the survey for the first per cent of the company for the company Some 60 per cent of the com-nies' general business income w comes from overseas.
The insurance industry reuns by far the largest generor of net invisible earnings
the country among the fincial institutions.

In 1975 the insurance con-uies, Lloyd's and insurance skers added £452m to the mary's invisible balances cont-red with the banks' £135m lotal investment of the insurtopped L800m in 1974, a 20 per cent rease over the previous year, ome on these long term ids rose by 18 per cent to 727m. And a further £465m. s earned on £6,500m of other ids held in the year. Ordinary shares and stocks numed for around a quarter the total investment holda further 17 per cent of no of information. Because of 47 per cent in export sales, g-term funds and 11.6 per.

it of other funds. during 1975 government urities took 63.5 per cent the total net new investment, res 19 per cent, and property per cent. Total net new inment was £2,524m against 109m in 1973. Verseas business dominetes general accounts of the com-

ues, although losses in the ted States, Canada and ope produced net underwritses of £25.2m on nonor and \$149.8m on motor iness in the year. 1 the United Kingdom emvers' liability claims rose roly to £82.6m, fire losses slightly to £213m. Crime es rose by 29 per cent to

In brief

£60m Italian aid props up ailing state concern

From John Barle

companies in Egam, the state-owned mining and minerals group, has been temporarily averted by a government decree allocating 90,000m line (about £60m) to ensure salary payments and immediate creditors' claims. The Government has at the same time undertaken to pro-duce a rescue plan by the end of next month.

Liquidation against seven Egam companies, employing 18,200 of the 34,000 workers in the group, have been shelved for the time being. The companies are Ammi (non-ferrous metals and mining),
Sogersa (mining in Sardinia),
Matec (textile machinery),
Vetrocoke (coke), Metalsud
(metal parts), Cogne and Breda
Sidarurgica (both special steels). It is virtually unknown for companies in the large state-

owned sector to be put into liquidation. German output down West German industrial production fell by one per cent in November after rising by about one per cent between September and October, helping to reinforce the impression that the appward movement in the German control of the control

man economy is nothing if not

Brewers need £300m

The brewing industry needs to "recover £300m in the year" the total investment hold no stand still, according to Mr. s, government stocks making Joe Walker, Wintbread's direc-

beavy rises in raw materials and distribution expenses it is cal-culated that the 5300m will have to be made to cover increased input costs if the industry's profitability is to remain stack.

Exports of Scotch whisky will be a record when the final increase in value. The previous record of 90,280,000 proof gallons in 1975 is almost certain to be beaten

Calor buys propane storage for £2m

The beginnings of an upward trend in trade are evident in a year-end survey conducted by Leeds Chamber of Commerce

and Industry. Encouraging improvements in orders and sales at home and abroad are recorded and order books are lengthening. About 37 per cent of companies report en increase in home sales and

Cut-price cigarettes stay

New cigarette prices announced by Imperial Group yesterday show that the big manufacturers are determined to carry on the cut-price war

petitive king-size sector. Impe-

price to a recommended level of 49p for 20, 1p more instead of the expected increase of 4p. Carreras Rothmans has also decided not to add the full 4p

A wealth tax is an anti-differ-ential device and in view of the insistence of the trade unions on differentials it ill becomes the TUC to support such a tax. The ancient commandment
Thou shalt not cover thy
neighbour's house, etc.", is as
valid today as it was several

W. A. WOOSTER, 339 Cherry Hinton Road,

Armstrong as deputy chairman of Sedgwick Forbes Services. Mr J. Winmill becomes a deputy chairman of Sedgwick Forbes Marine. Mr J. B. Mitchell, Mr L. R. Phillips and Mr D. C. Say have been made directors of Sedgwick Forbes Marine. Mr J. E. Holford and Mr M. H. Howell have joined the board of Sedgwick Forbes North America. Mr R. A. Fleming-Williams, Mr J. S. Lucas and Mr B. Wilkin have gone on to the board of Sedgwick Forbes Reinsurance Brokers. Mr F. B. Doyle has succeeded Sir Frank Figures who has resigned as chairman of Central Wagon. Str Frank and Mr M. C. Noel-Buxton have also resigned from the board. Mr James Whitehead has become chief executive of Fouroe Holdings (UK). chief executive of Force enumina (UK). Mr E, N. Cheadle has been made an executive director of Price Waterhouse Associates. Mr Peter Lane has been made director general of the Federation of Manufacturers of Construction Equipment and Cranes in successio to Mr John Annetts. Mr M. S. Freema and Mr P. D. Drakeford, joint managing directions.

Sir John Read has been made chairman of the economic development committee for the Electronics Industry.

Mr A. T. Fletcher is now managing director of Masson Scott Thrissell Engineering.

Mr David Marlow, a director, has become seneral manager of has become seneral manager.

has become general manager of Industrial and Comercuial Finance

Industrial and Comercial Finance Corporation after the retirement of Mr Geoffrey Scariett, who remains a member of the board.

Mr Denis Makower is to succeed Dr Eric Chamberlain, who is retiring, as director of Scientific Control, National Coal Board on February 1.

Pebruary 1.

Sir Richard Young has joined the board of Boosey & Hawkes as a non-executive director. Mr

Mr J. Gray has been made a director of R. K. Barrison, J. I. Jacobs (Rusurance). Mr C. W. P. Chase becomes a director of R. K.

been made managing director of Booth Mechanical Services. He succeeds Mr Raymond Jones, who

becomes deputy chairman.

Mr D. A. H. Rodger has become managing director of II

(Export). Mr David Carrington has been made a director of Matthews Wrightson Pubrook. Mr Anthony Speed is now a director of Seamal Oil.

Mr Colin Keen and Mr David Watson have joined the hoard of S. Lvies.

S. Lyles.
Mr J. M. B. L. Kerr and Mr C. J. Belk have gone on to the board of lbstock Building Pro-

Whisky exports set

for record in 1976

figures for 1976 become available. In the 11 months to the were up 1.86 per cent to 83,287,000 proof gallons worth £394m compared with the same period in 1975, a 19.6 per cent

Through its subsidiary Calor Gas Ltd, Calor Gas Holding is buying from Phillips Petroleum UK its reirigerated bulk storage for propane at Felixstowe. Calo will pay £2m in cash The installation includes 4 30,000 tonnes capacity refriger-

Rise in orders trend

Chase becomes a director of R. K. Harrison. (Reinsurance Brokers).

Mr E. G. Fisher, Mr R. R.
Mills, Mr D. G. Shaw and Mr A. Sykes have been made life directors of Willis, Faber & Dumas. Mr J. H. Arvold, Mr C. E. P. Carter, Mr M. G. Churchill, Mr J. T. Dennis, Mr R. G. W. Dixun, Mr R. Drain, Mr M. H. Duder, Mr I. Ferenson. R. G. W. Dixon, Mr R. Drain, Mr M. H. Duder, Mr J. Fergason, Mr R. H. Gayner, Mr P. Hart-Davies, Mr E. L. Jeremy, Mr G. M. M. Kingsbury, Mr F. D. Mardoch, Mr P. J. Rigby, Mr S. C. Scotto, Mr J. C. Seymour, Mr A. A. L. Thomson, Mr J. W. Waugh, Mr M. C. White and Mr M. M. Woods become directors. Mr Christopher Thorpe has been made managing director of

which broke out after last April's budget. Imperial has now dropped coupons from the king-size varsion of Player's

Although recommended prices are going up to take account of the Chancellor's pre-Christmas

rial is keeping down the price of John Player King Size and John Player King Size Extra Mild to 47p for 20, 2p less than recommended.

For the king-size version of Player's No. 6, Imperial has withdrawn coupons to keep the price to a recommended level.

the Chancellor's pre-Christmas duty increase to all their tex increases, manufacturers are brands. It is adding only 1p again using special offers to to the price of Rothmans King hold prices in the highly com-

Another record year was Hanson already has 25 per predicted at the last annual cent of Whitecroft, and recently meeting of Esperanza Trade & bought 25,000 shares through Transport; and a 156 per cent the market at 130p.

Esperanza sprinting

with 156 pc stride

leap in pre-tax profits to £2.74m for the six months to September 30 has ensued. This is not far short of the £2.9m brought in for the whole of

Milbourn (Holdings) and have been appointed non-executive directors.

Mr Allan Brooker, managing director, has been made chairman of Burrep, Mathieson and Company (Holdings). He succeeds Lord Wall, who has retired from the chairmanship and the board.

Mr Ceril Frost is now a director of Allen Harvey & Ross.

Mr J. S. Camm, now managing director of Dickinson Robinson Group, becomes deputy chairman and managing director, succeeding Mr T. L. Robinson as chief executive. Mr Robinson remains chairman until next December, when he will retire. Mr D. O. Wood, Mr G. Bar and Mr W. R. Pierre become joint assissant managing directors. Mr J. A. Crabb, who becomes responsible for group strategic planning, and Mr Bar, join the executive committee. Mr F. A. Richards, Mr H. B. Jorgensen, and Mr E. K. Payne join the DRG board.

Mr Robin Vivian has become joint managing director of Marshall Cavendish.

Professor James Merriman has become chairman of the National Turnover and fees soured from £9,08m to £15.9m. Earnings a share were 13p against 6p and the dividend rises from 2.46p to 2.77p gross. The shares jumped 10p to 130p.

Lord Kissin, chairman, says that Gellasiv Hankey has been included for the first time for

a full accounting period. Not included is the increase in value of net overseas assets, estimated to be more then £750,000, reflecting exchange

point manging interior of manshall Cavendish.

Professor James Merriman has
become chairman of the National
Computing Centre, from April 1,
to succeed Sir Robert Cockburn.

Mr C. M. K. Taylor is to become
chief executive of the Building
Societies Institute.

Mr E. D. Armstrong has been
appointed a deputy chairman of
Sedgwick Forbes Holdings. Mr C.
M. Mosselmans succeeds Mr E. D.
Armstrong as deputy chairman of
Sedgwick Forbes Services. Mr J.
Wimmill becomes a deputy chair He says that pre-tax profits were made up of £2.65m, against £1.1m from international services, £296,000 against £114,000 for copper and pyrites, less group expenses and finance charges of £202,000

> Another heavy loss at Fraternal Est

In the six mouths to June 30, 1976, the losses of Fraternal Estates jumped from £13,000 to £128,000 on a turnover of £2.3m against £2.4m. The loss a share was 1280 against 0.130.
Mr John Lee, chairmen, points out that the comparative figures were stated without consolidating the results Fraternal Developments.

In 1975, there was a loss of £388,000 before adding nonrecurring extraordinary items of £417,000. The loss for 1974 was

S. Heath soars 115 pc

In one big bound the pre-tax profits of Samuel Heath & Sons, Drakeford, joint managing directors of Newgreen (Underwriting Agencies), have been appointed chairman and managing director s maker of brass and other metal products strode 115 per cent to a record £174,000 in the chairman and managing director respectively.

Mr Howard Fraser, managing director of Stanely Gibbous Merkur GmbH, the Frankfurt subsidiary of Stanely Gibbous International, has become managing director of the English stamp dealing side and joint deputy chairman of the parent company. He succeeds Mr John Webb who is retiring in March.

Sir John Read has been made chairman of the economic develop-This was better than the profits for the whole of 1974-75, though they were short of the £238,000 for 1975-76. Turnover went up from £765,000 to £1m.

Mr S. B. Heath, chairman says that it would not be realis tic to expect as big a ris the second half year. But not surprisingly good things are expected. Demand was high, particularly in exports, and it is staying that way.

Whitecroft rejects Hanson's £11m

Having considered the 122pash-a-share offer from Hanson Trust, the board of Whitecroft, headed by Mr E. G. Goold, the charman, and adviser Schroder Wagg, think that it is far too low. They say that it sub-stantially under values the group's current and prospective arnings, and its net essets. The board is reviewing its forecast of profits for the year to March 31 next, and also its dividend policy. Shareholders dividend policy. Sharehold are advised to do nothing.

Wm Mallinson in US foray International timber merchant

William Mallinson & Denny Mott has taken over a long-established American timber company for more than £2.25m.

William Mallinson (USA), its wholly-owned United States subsidiary, has bought Thomp-son Mahogany of Philadelphia for \$3.85m cash.

After an initial payment of \$770,000, the balance will be paid in instalments over five years. Pre-tax profits of Thompson for 1976 were at least \$750,000. Thompson is in highquality hardwoods and decora-

Guy Butler forging transatiantic link

Guy Butler (International) Limited, the London-based currency deposit and foreign ex change broker with offices in Europe, the United States, Middle East and South East Asia, has formed a new com-pany in New York, Garvin Guy

It has linked with the Garvin Bannel Corporation the oldest firm of money brokers in the United States.

The association has been formed as a parmership through the amalgamation of Guy But-let's New York company, Butler King (Money Brokers) Inc., with the money broking interests of Garvin Bantel Corporation. Garvin Bantel will have a 51

per cent stake, and Gny Butler 49 per cent Gny Butler (Canada) Ltd, Toronto, will probably join the partnership soon. Garvin Eantel is involved in all aspects of domestic mone market operations in the United States, and through its member-ship of the New York and American Stock Exchanges is is actively engaged in all forms of securities and bond trading. The London offices of Guy Butler and Butler Till, the lead-ing firm of sterling money brokers, have one of the largest and best equipped dealing rooms in the London market.

John Mowlem expands John Mowiem has bought Duke and Ockenden, a private company and its subsidiary, Amalgamated Drilling Equip-ment, for 2505,000 in cash, Duke

and Ockenden makes drilling equipment for water wells, open cast mining and site investiga-tion. Three quarters of its pre-sent order book is for export. The unaudited accounts for the year to June 30 less show pre-tax profits of £176,000 on sales of £1,024,000. Net tengible assets were vadued at about £500,000. They include freehold and lessehold land and buildings or Littlehampton valued at £162,500.

New capital issues second highest ever last year

By Christopher Wilkins land Bank. This was £529m below the previous year's £1,993m, but was nevertheless the second highest total ever.

However, there was a pronounced slowdown in fund raising during the second half of the year, and threequarters of

total amount was raised during the first six months, During December new issues raised only £28m, of which £10m was accounted for by local authorities. Altogether 168 company issues were made raising £1,160.9m, equal to 79 per cent of the total. Of this, 88 per cent was in rights issues.

New capital essues last year only to the 1214m issue by raised £1,464m, according to British Leyland in 1975 which consistics produced by the Mid-was predominantly subscribed by the Government. Five companies raised money when they ing, the first to do so since 1973. obtained a stock exchange list

Ordinary shares accounted for 88 per cent of the total sum raised by companies. The rest comprised preference shares (4 per cent), convertible debt (1 per cent) and other debt (7 per cent).
Public bodies traised £303m

well down on the £415m of the year before. Our of this local authorities accounted for £286m, with 244 bond issues raising £135m and a further £151m in the form of four The biggest issue of the year issues of stock.

Jolly at first, but little follow through 158p and Boots 5p to 124p. In spite of the grim background news, housebuilder Barratt Developments was a firm 55p, up 5p, while elsewhere on the building pitch. SGB added 6p to 58p, Mowlem 6p to 72p and Tarmac 4p to 134p.

were well below their best by he end of the day.

The industrial leaders were helped by shortages of stock, slow to move in early trading, but once they did they soon outpaced the second-liners which were helped by shortages of stock. The FT Index reached of stock. The FT Index reached its high point at 2 pm with a however, continued to be a dull gain of 9.5, but by the close had fallen back to 360.6, a net advance of 5.9.

night 382p.
The leading engineers were more impressive with Hawker Siddeley 12p to the good at 460p, Tube Investments up 10p to 310p, GKN 5p to 285p, and, helped by comment, Vickers which ended 6p to the good at 151p.
Ahead of the closure today of

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Ransome Hoffmann Pollard the Johnson Firth Brown offer, Dunford & Elliott edged ahead to 39p, against terms of 36.8p. Over on the electrical pitch, There "A" put on 14p to 218p ahead of figures, due soon, and Reyrelle Parsons benefited from a press "Tip" to close 5p to the good at 132p. Others in demand were EMI 4p to 230p and Hoover 10p to 195p. because demand is still strong and the group recovered well in the secon dhalf of the year to the beginning of last October, First-half profits were only \$1.76m but they climbed to \$13.37m in the second six On the bid scene; Craydex.

moared 53p to 122p after 125p cash terms from London Brick. better by 2p to 41p. There was speculative demand for shares like Ozalid 5p to 101p, Myson 8p to 64p, Pauls & Whites 8p to 80p and J. Bibby 7p to 105p. Stock shortages boosted Manchester Shin Canal 2 to 177 Hoping that the gradual deckine in interest rates will be continued at the end of the week, gilt-edged stocks attracted a good demand and held on to early gains of up to Earlier, the short-dated 13 per cent "tap" stock ran out after a life of less than six in Hillards 5p to 99p and For-

Shares made a flying start to weeks, while the new 15 per the New Year even though cent long "tap" ended a profit-taking and lack of follow-quarter above its £99.0 issue North Sea stocks continued to display their pre-Christanas strength. Foremost were Associated Newspapers 90 to 137p, Thomson Organisation 30 to 392p after 395p, Tricentrol

> One to watch this year is Barr & Stroud, the Glasgow-based instrument maker and engineer. There is an impression that a big electronics or leisure group could eventually try to add Barr's range to its own product line. Last October, the group reported pre-tax profits up from £232,000 to £304,000 for the half-year to June Az and assets are strong. But the shares, now 135p, are a sticky market and should not be chased.

720 to 1050, Oil Exploration 100 to 1050 and Viking Resources 80 to 720. BP, with the continued help of United States buying, had an outstanding day rising 300 to 8400, but in contrast Shell were just 20 to the good at 4580.

Food retailers continued to attract more interest than for some time as many consider the sector will have a good year. Bejam swined 50 to 800. Associated Dairies 20 to 1850. After news of a United States acquisition Ranks Hovis edged ahead to 3840. Other foods to gain ground were Booker McConnell 30 to 1280 and Reckitt & Colman 50 to 3400.

Stores, too, were not left out.

340n. Stores, too, were not left out, the best being Gus "A." So to 191p, British Home Stores So to

sible base rate cut in the near future gave early strength to the clearing banks, but by the end they had come back a little. Lloyds ended 5p to the good at 210p, National Westminster 3p to 228p and Midland 2p to 257p.

The prospect of lower interest rates and even a possible base rate cut in the near

Discounters were strong with Allen Harvey & Ross 10p better to 350p and Cater Ryder 7p ahead at 237p. Other strong spots were Schroders 10p to 290p, Kleinwort Benson 4p to 86p and Guinness Peat 6p to 158h.

Royal 14p to 2949, Sun Alliance 15p to 385p. Guardian Royal Exchange 9p to 175p and Provident Life "A" 7p to 105p. In properties, the best gains were reserved for the bigger names with Land Securities rising 5p to 143p. MEPC 4p to 45p and Stock Conversion 4p to 167p.

to 167p.

Equity turnover on December 31 was £50.14m (11.370 bargains). Active stocks vesterday, according to Exchange Telegraph, were BP, ICI, BAT Dfd. Tricentrol, Marks & Specier, Shell, BAT Ind. I. Bibby, Courtaulds, Beecham, Grand Metropolitan, Lucas, Ladbroke, THF, Royal Insurance, RTZ. National Westminster, Barclavs, Ocean Transport, Hawker Siddeley, Hanson Trust, Gus "A", Oil Exploration, RM Douglas, Pauls & Whites, Weyburn Engineering and Ozalid.

Croydex bounds on £4m bid by London Brick

By John Brennan Up spreng the shares in hardwere group Croydex by 66p to 122p on an egreed £4-06m bid from London Brick, now making its first move into direct retail

ing.

The bid, worth 125p a share to Croydex holders, has been irrevocably accepted by the board and other shareholders representing around 29 per cent of the shares. of the shares.

London Brick already holds just over 8 per cent of the equity, a holding acquired a couple of months ago shortly after initial discussions were held with the Croydex management.

Lond Int'l T'st seeks relisting

Stricken by its \$210,000 of loans to hammered stockbroker
Mitton Butler Priest with which
Esting of Swedish Match
Estored in London following used to share some directors, London Intercontinental Trust says in its 1976 report and ecounts:

"The company is taking steps to remove the suspension of its listing on The Stock Ex-change and an announcement will be made in due course."

Auditors Touche Ross com-Mitton, shown in the balance sheet at £34,500 (£209,955 less a provision of £175,455): "the provision of £175,455): "the liquidation of MBP has not progressed sufficiently to enable us to form an opinion as to the reasonableness of that pro-

Excluding enything from Minton, the group balance sheet shows investments of £74,928 and net current assets of £12,390 against a capital of £1m in £1 shares. But accumulated deficits totalled £878,182. There is no dividend.

The trust has been advised by Counsel that it has a claim against bankers, and a writ has been served for £195,000. The Stock Exchange Compen-sation Fund decided not to pay

compensation to the Trust, and on November 18 last, the Council refused an appeal. The two directors, Messrs Harry Skin-ner and David Hanner say that no reasons were given.

Local authorities Camden and Surrey head this week's crop of local authority bonds. Both are borrowing £2m apiece. Cheshre and

Edinburgh are each raising £1.5m, and Hernfordshire, moton and Southwark seek film. The coupon is 131

This is its first move into the direct retail field.

Croydex, which around 200 hardware products for household, garden and in-dustrial use makes a range which includes bethroom mats, shower equipment and hose

Its pre-tax profits reached £672,000 on a turnover of £5.1m in 1975. On 1975 earnings the offer -price represents an exit p/s retio of 8.4. The shares in London Brick, which intends to pay for the acquisition from its existing cash resources, rose 2p

Briefly

PMA (HOLDINGS) PMA (HOLLINGS)

PMA has sold freehold warehouse at Menton, Eccles, Lancashire (net book value £110,000)

for £100,000 cash. CH BAILEY

Accounts for period to March 2, 1976, which were to have been put to annual meeting last Friday, not yet completed because of overseas subsidiaries. Indications are for net loss before crediting tax repayments and exchange gains.
AGM adjourned to March 7;
accounts due on or before February 11.

RNOTT MILL
For 24 weeks to August 9, turnover \$1.8m (\$1.55m). Pre-tax loss
\$7,000 (£1,000). No interin
(same). But second half-year proving earlsfactory.

WITTIAM JACKS WILLIAM JACKS
Company has agreed to sell 29
per cent of William Jacks
(Malaya) Berhad to Straits
Steamship, 59 per cent owned by
Ocean Transport, for around

LONDON & ASSOC INV TRUST For half-year to June 30, pre-tax loss £57,399 (£189,761 loss). After dehiting share in associated company's extraordinary expendi-ture of £312,059, net loss £369,468 (loss £148,173). Company's share in increase in reserves of Harrison & Son after revaluing properties £272,762. No inverim again.

STAVELEY INDUSTRIES
In annual report, Mr H. R.
Moore, chairman, says that recovery phase is over but group
should still show a respectable increase in profits and sales this
year. Group is also seeking acquistillans. MERGER CLEARANCE Mr Roy Hattersley, Secretary of State for Prices, not referring Lonrho/London City and West-cliff Props and Standard Chartered Bank/Wallace Brothers to Monopolies Commission.

JOHN CARR (DONCASTER) LIMITED

Joinery Manufacturers

Extracts from the accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1976

	1976 2000s	1975 £000s
Sales to Customers (excluding VAT)	13,233	8,944
Earnings before Taxation Taxation Profits after Taxation		1,346 713 633
Earnings	p per share 9.31 1.639	p per share 5.74 1.49

Another record year

★ Turnover increase 48% ★ Profit increase 50%

* Now entering export market * Building Trade activity now greatly reduced.

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CCA profits down 38 pc in Redman H accounts

Current cost accounting would have our Redman Heenan International's historic pre-tax profits for the year to September 30 by 38 per cent, according to the latest annual report.

In what must be the first to include accounts drawn up in line with the Accounting Standards Committee's Expo-sure Draft 18, pre-tax profits should have fallen from £2.04m on an historic basis to £1.25m

under CCA.
On the other hand shareholders' funds rose by more than the fall in the value of money during the year under CCH.

RHI's balance sheet has grown stronger, and the over-draft bas fallen by f1.99m. Total borrowings as a percen-tage of shoreholders' funds dwindled from 60 per cent to

17 per cent. Mr Angus Murray, chairman, takes the same cautious view as last year in his annual eview. He states that order intake continues to be hesitant. However, the group is hoping that all divisions will make profits this year, and reverse the trend of increasing home market sales as a proportion of

New Life **Business**

Fresh growth at 'Pru'

A big increase in new life business for 1976 is reported by the Prudential Assurance. New life assurances and annuities were effected with the group for new annual premiums of £120.2m (£95m in 1975) and single premiums and annuity considerations of £65.9m (£38.9m). Sums assured totalled £7,864m (£6,048m), while annuities per annum were £160.2m (£109.8m).

VICTORY REINBURANCE Victory Reinsurance reports 2
21 per cant increase in new sums
assured for 1976 at £425m. New
annual premiums were £2.1m
(£2.3m) and single premiums (£2,3m) and £5.6m (£9.7m).

Eurobond prices

STRAIGHTS

(midday indicators)

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Source: Kidder, Peabody Securitie Loudon

in a jointly-owned enterprise aimed to take advantage of an expansion planned for the in-dustry in Mexico.

The partners are Nacional Financiera, a state bank, and lngenieros Civiles Asociados, Mexico's largest private engineering group.

Herbert in Mexico Machine-tool group Alfred Herbert is the major partner

Price Ch'ge Divip:

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21.8 12.0 8.4

5.1 5.2 4.4 6.4 7.8

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BEOFORD LIFE BENFULU LIFE
Bedford Life, the life and
pension subsidiary of Zurich
Insurance, reports sums assured of
£71.94m for 1976 (£34.12m) and
amuties of £207,000 (£147,000).

SUN ALLIANCE & LONDON
Sun Alliance and London Insurance issued new life assurance and annuity policies in 1976 for annual premiums of £11.4m (£7.5m) and single premiums of £2.4m (£2m). These policies secured sums assured of £51.3m (£414m) and annuities of £20.2m pa (£14.5m pa). annual premiums of £11.4m

(£7.5m) and single premiums of £2.4m (£2m). These policies secured sums assured of £513m

(£414m) and annuities of £20.2m

pa (£14.5m pa).

MERCANTILE & GENERAL

Net new sums assured for 1976, £2,190m (£1,400m). Net new annual premiums, £11.4m

(£7.34m).

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SCOTTISH WIDOWS' SCOTTEH WIDOWS'
Record net new annual premium income for 1976 for assurances and annuities, including group permanent health insurance schemes and pension schemes other than business effected through subsidiary, Peusious Management (SWF) and Exempt Unit Trust Scheme, was over £18.25m (£15.45m). New single premiums were over £5.5m (£5.35m).

LONDON LIFE ABSOC

New emusal premiums for 1976,
24.32m (£3.88m) New sums
assured, £120.12m (£100.3m). Single p tions f (E2.im). premiums and considera-for annuities, £3.85m

YORKSHIRE-GENERAL Yorkshire-General Life Assur-moe, the life company of General Accident, announces that in 1976 net new sums assured were writ-ten amounting to £799.25m (£653.31m in 1975) of which £618.72m (£507.65m) was in res-pect of ordinary life business and £180.53m (£145.65m) in respect of pension business.

Bank Base Rates

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American Express 41, 1962 162, 1987

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Beatrice Foods 42, 1993 121, 1988

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Source: Kidder, Peabody Security Lloyds Bank 14% Midland Bank .. 14% Nat Westminster .. 14% Rossminster Acc's 14% Shenley Trust 16% Williams & Glyn's 14% * 7-day deposits on sums of £10,000 and under 11%. up to £25,000, 11¹4% over £25,000, 11¹4%.

THE NEW THROGMORTON TRUST LTD.

Capital Loan Stock Valuation 4th January, 1977. The net asset value per £1 of Capital Loan Stock is nil. Therefore the Tender price is nil.

Commodities

May, 256-60; July, 261-65; Oct. 268-74; Dec. 272-82; March. 276-87; May, 279-90; July, 281-98.

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New Bank of America fund

Bank of America International has entered the offshore fund market with a new Jersey-based fund, the Worldinvest Income Fund. The fund's objective is to secure a good income from an international spread of fixed interest holdings and is seen by the margagers as a compositor, to the managers as a competitor to Eurodeposits. The minimum investment is \$5,000 and the initial fee is 1 per cent. It is not available to United King-dom residents.

CMT opens brightly

Record final-quarter profits Record final-quarter profits helped Central Manufacturing & Trading Group to a best-ever profit of £3.53m before tax in 1975-76, but Mr Norman Hickman is cautious. He says in his annual statement that the upward trend in the United Kingdom economy as a whole has not yet been fully confirmed. But both sales and orders show a "healthy" incresse. a "healthy" increase.

UK metal stocks Stocks in London Metal Exchange official wavehouses at the end of last week (all in tonnes except silver) were: Copper up 3,675 to 603,475; the down 50 to 5,350; lead down 3,425 to 65,875; sinc down 3,975 to 89,175; silver up 230,000 to 28,500,000 troy ounces.

Exchange

The dollar recovered much of the ground lost on Monday and early yesterday in thin European trading helped by widespread moderate central bank support in several centres, notably Germany and Switzerland, dealers said.

Sterling, which held firm against the dollar when it was weakening, gained against European currencies in line with the United States unit when it began to recover. The pound closed at \$1.7085, a gain of 68 polints on Friday. The "effective devaluation" rate was 44.1 per cent.

The mark closed at 2.3445/55 to the dollar after trading as high as 2.3375 in the morning, while other European currencies followed a similar pattern.

Sterling met steady demand from all quarters, helped by high short-dated Eurosterling interest rates which possibly reflect buying of United Kingdom government stock by foreign holders, the dealers said.

The Camadian dollar was firm, moving up to a late 99.50/55 United States cents against the 98.99/99.02 ruling in London at

on Friday.
Gold closed in London at \$135.50. **Spot Position**

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Discount market Credit remained short in Lombard Street yesterday although on nothing like the scale of the past couple of weeks. On what is likely to be the easiest day of the week,

the Bank of England gave a

moderate amount of assistance to money markets. The Bank bought a small amount of Treasury bills and local author-ity bills directly from the houses and also lent—for purely technical reasons—a small sum overnight to reasons—a small sum overnight to five or six houses at MLR (14) per cent). This was reckoned to have been sufficient to meet the marker's requirements and may even have left the banks with a small sum to carry over to today when gilt and loan settlements will probably make things quite tight

A net take-up of Treasury bills and repayment of the extremely large loans made to the market by the Bank on Friday fanally slightly outweighed favourable underlying factors. The Bank's programme of help enabled closing balances to be found anywhere from 13½ down to 12 per cent.

Money Market

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Wall Street

New York, Jan 4.—Prices were mixed, continuing the pattern established in the previous session. Analysis said that sporadic profittaking was being matched by general optimism about the economic outlook.

But analysis believed that some

his economic package.

Advances outscored declines by
more than 100 issues, but popular
market averages showed little

Silver gains 6 cents

Naw Yors, Jan 5.—Silver futures Instand 6.00 to 4.80 cents higher on scattered snort covering prompted in part by the faiture of an expected bout of profit lating 20 materialized 14. 100: 148.70c; July 45.10c; July 45.70c; Dec. 464.30c, Jan. 466.70c; March. 471.40c; Maj. 476.10c. Sept. 457:20c; Dec. 464:30c, Jan. 466:70c; March. 471:40c; May. 476:10c; March. 471:40c; May. 476:10c; March. 510:60c futures closed mostly higher. On the Comex prices were 30 to 60 cents higher. Prices on the DMN tranged from 20 cents lower to 55 cents higher. Side of the common state of the common state of the common state of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the common state. Side of the common state of the comm

July, 8.55-98c; Sept. 9.03-04c; Oct. 9.17-05c; Jan, 3.60-9.20c; March, 9.47-05c; Jan, 3.60-9.20c; March, 9.47-05c; Jan, 9.55c. Spot. 7.65, 9.20c. Spot. 9.20c. Spot. 9.20c. May, 225.58c bid; July, 226.0uc bid; Sept. 226.03c bid; Dac, 219.35c bid; Sept. 226.03c bid; Dac, 219.35c bid; March, nil. Cocoa. Futures were: March, 138.40c; May, 135.0c; July, 128.0uc; Sept. 128.25c; Dec. 111.85c; March, 107.20c; May, nil. Spots: Ohisa. 153.0c. Sahia 151.2c. Bid; Spots: Ohisa. 153.0c. Sahia 151.2c. Futures commanded unsold. Closing pub the 43.7. GRLAS6 wood. —Spot. 19.10c. Gents and Janes and Janes

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- ---Six 13800-480-volt unit substations, with one 1000KVA transformer and one 480-volt power switchboard with circuit breakers.
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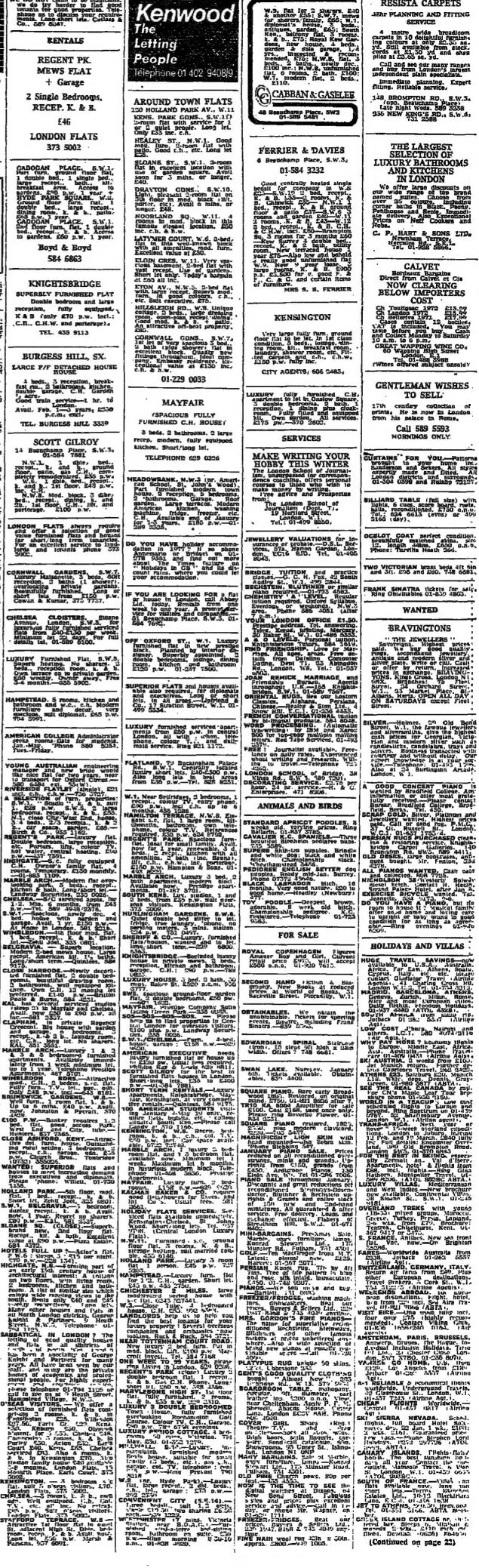
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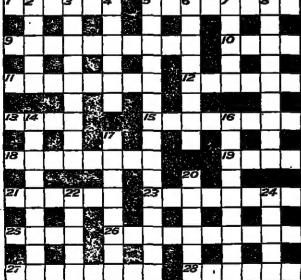
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dull (6).

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12 Sings in theatre's opening turns (6).

13 The best job we could pick? (4).

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19 Like holding church services, perhaps (4).

21 Thought as the Manx judge

23 Extremely hot resorts Iran's got (8).

25 Some food intended for a god? (4).

26 Crane's wrong about name for newscasters (10).

27 Player tries to make expressions of dissent (8).

28 She is ill-disposed to Scot (6).

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